

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____ 2022 in _____, Philippines, by and between:

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, a state institution of higher learning established under Presidential Decree No. 470 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 700, and converted into state university by virtue of R.A. No. 9158 and 9437, with principal office address at Visca, Baybay City, Philippines, duly represented herein by its President, **Dr. EDGARDO E. TULIN**, and hereinafter referred to as "**VSU**";

EMERSON Y. SY, an independent wildlife researcher, whose expertise in his field is shown in his Curriculum Vitae attached as Appendix A and whose postal and physical address at 1198 Benavidez Street, Unit 1202, Tondo, Manila, and hereinafter referred to as the "**CONSULTANT**";

(Collectively referred to herein as the **PARTIES**.)

WITNESSETH, That:

WHEREAS, **VSU** is one of the major educational institutions in Eastern Visayas, committed to providing quality education, and is regarded as one of the Region's respected and leading educational institutions that has grown with the demands of the current and future environments for its students and faculty and advocates the utilization of student research in solving real-world problems.

WHEREAS, the **CONSULTANT** with expertise in Herpetology, Biodiversity and conservation, Invasive Alien Species, and Wildlife trade, is regarded as one of the country's leading experts on Herpetological studies.

WHEREAS, both Parties acknowledge that there is an opportunity to effect change, provide sustainable development, protect and conserve the flora and fauna in Mt. Pangasugan, Baybay City, Leyte.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and their mutual covenants, the Parties mutually enter into this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and bind themselves, as follows:

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