



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**WORLD STURGEON CONSERVATION SOCIETY,
and
ASSOCIAZIONE MEDITERRANEA ACQUACOLTORI**

Recognising that the Associazione Mediterranea Acquacoltori, hereinafter called “A.M.A.” exist to a) promote contacts within the European aquaculture sector, b) disseminate to its members information relating to European aquaculture and (c) support interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research on all aspects of Mediterranean aquaculture

Recognising that the World Sturgeon Conservation Society, hereinafter called “W.S.C.S.”, exists to (a) foster the conservation of sturgeon species and restoration of sturgeon stocks world-wide; (b) support information exchange among all persons interested in sturgeons; (c) support interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research on all aspects of sturgeons and (d) inform the public on all aspects of the status and biology of sturgeons, requirements for their effective species protection, and needs for appropriate management.

**AMA and W.S.C.S., hereinafter called “the Parties” have, therefore, agreed to the following
Understanding:**

1. There shall be reciprocal consultations and regular contacts between the Parties on matters of common interest in the field of aquaculture mainly of endangered species such as sturgeons and the environmental issues associated with and supported by aquaculture activities (e.g. ranching, re-stocking in lakes, reservoirs, rivers and seas; genetic interactions between wild and cultured fish; genetic conservation of natural populations through aquaculture). This will include various form of cooperation as needed, like joint task forces on relevant issues.
2. There shall be regular exchange between the Parties of information, documentation and publications relating to the results of activities agreed to be of mutual interest, notably with regard to aquaculture and environmental issues related to aquaculture.
3. Where possible, and with the agreement of the Management Bodies of each of the Parties, possibilities for combined involvement in the organisation or promotion of Aquaculture meetings (conferences, seminars, workshops...) will be sought and explored. Those meetings organised under this Understanding will have reduced registration fees for members of each of the Parties.



4. The Parties will link their respective web sites. The link will be in the form of a logo and brief description and will be a hard link, opening in a new window. The link will be displayed as part of an 'Associated Societies' section or other prominent place on the site. It will not be listed in a 'general links' section.
5. The terms of this Understanding take effect from the time of signature. Any specific association or activity, relating to any of the points of this Understanding will be the subject of a separate annex or specific agreement made with the consent of the Managing Bodies of the Parties.
6. Notice of intention to change or terminate this Understanding is required in writing at least six months before the proposed change or termination date, so that the Management Bodies of each of the Parties can be informed and discuss the proposal.

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On behalf of AMA

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Il Presidente

One behalf of WSCS

Harald Rosenthal, WSCS President

