

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
The National Park Service
Department of the Interior of the
United States of America
and
Parks Victoria
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
State of Victoria of the
Commonwealth of Australia

The National Park Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as "NPS," and Parks Victoria, a statutory authority created under the Parks Victoria Act 1998 (Vic), State of Victoria, of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereinafter referred to as "PV;"

RECOGNIZING the mutual interest between NPS and PV, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants", in the conservation, protection, and management of national parks and their natural and cultural resources, for the purpose of conservation, recreation, and public education;

NOTING the advantages of facilitating, coordinating, and amplifying efforts in the management and development of natural and cultural resources in protected areas of mutual interest;

RECOGNIZING the mutual interest in cooperation between the Participants in the exchange of information and informal education activities for the management and operation of national parks and other protected areas;

Have reached the following understanding:

SECTION 1

This Memorandum has as its objective the creation of a framework for cooperation between the Participants concerning the conservation and management of national parks and protected areas, and the natural and cultural heritage under their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 2

1. The Participants should meet periodically as necessary to discuss projects and possible areas for future cooperation.

2. Each Participant is to designate a Coordinator to negotiate a Work Plan, to coordinate joint projects and activities, and to handle all communications regarding implementation of this Memorandum.
3. The Participants acknowledge that the Coordinator for NPS is to be Stephen Morris, Chief, International Affairs and the Coordinator for PV is to be John Senior, Manager, International Strategy. [Each Participant may designate a different Coordinator at any time by notifying the other Participant.]
4. The Participants intend to develop a 2-year Work Plan that describes the specific activities to be accomplished under this Memorandum.
5. Administrative procedures for implementation of this Memorandum should be described in the Work Plan, which may be modified by the mutual consent of the Coordinators.

SECTION 3

1. The forms of cooperative activities under this Memorandum may consist of exchanges of information and technical expertise concerning natural and cultural resources management and use, including but not limited to study tours, training courses, conferences, and symposia; and other forms of cooperative activities as mutually decided in the Work Plan.
2. For any actions requested by one Participant that extend into subjects outside the scope of the other, the Participant receiving the request may, with the consent of the requesting Participant, and in a manner compatible with its applicable laws, regulations and policies, include the participation of other organizations or agencies in the development and implementation of activities within the scope of this Memorandum.

SECTION 4

Cooperation under this Memorandum is subject to the availability of funds and personnel of each Participant and is to be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Coordinators should develop details on lodging, transportation and other financial matters for each activity.

SECTION 5

Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to affect other existing or future arrangements between the Participants, nor to affect the Participants' rights and obligations under any international agreements.

SECTION 6

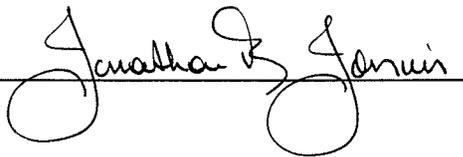
This Memorandum is intended to commence upon signature, and its terms apply for five years. It may be extended or modified by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Either Participant may discontinue the Memorandum by written notification ninety days in advance of such discontinuation. The discontinuation of this Memorandum is not intended to affect the carrying out of any cooperative activity undertaken under this Memorandum and not fully executed at the time of the discontinuation of this Memorandum.

The Participants to this Memorandum acknowledge that it does not and is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on the Participants. The purpose of this Memorandum is to assist the Participants to maintain and improve their relationship.

Signed in duplicate at Washington, DC, on the 1st day of December, 2010.

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