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Conservation of threatened woody species in the Mediterranean:  
endangered Sicilian endemic  
*Ptilostemon greuteri*

(see Annex 2)

2024-2025

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)

Between the University of Fribourg, Department of Biology and Botanic Garden, Chemin du Musée 10, CH-1700 Fribourg, Switzerland, hereinafter known as **University of Fribourg** and the Department of Earth and Sea Sciences (**DISTEM**), University of Palermo, Via Archirafi, 22 90123 Palermo, Italy. The agreement shall take effect on signature of this agreement by the respective Parties.

Signed by:

Prof. Attilio Sulli (Director)

Date:

On behalf of the Department DISTEM  
of the University of Palermo

Prof. Gregor Kozlowski

On behalf of the University of Fribourg

Prof. Gregor Kozlowski  
Director

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Date: 13.11.2024

## Terms and Conditions

1. The **Department DISTEM of the University of Palermo** shall, for the duration of this agreement, contribute to implement the actions set out in the Project "Conservation of threatened woody species in the Mediterranean: endangered Sicilian endemic *Ptilostemon greuteri*. The Department designates Dott. Alessandro Silvestre Gristina as the person in charge of this agreement. The activities of this agreement will be carried out by a working group that includes Prof. Renato Chemello from the DiSTeM Department, Prof. Riccardo Guarino from the STeBiCeF Department. Any replacement of the person in charge must be communicated to and approved by Prof. Gregor Kozlowski on behalf of the University of Fribourg.
2. Proposed starting date and duration of this agreement:
  - 2.1 The duration of this agreement shall be for a **period of 12 months starting from the date of signature of this agreement**. Any extension to the period of operation of the MoA shall be by mutual agreement.
  - 2.2 This agreement may be terminated at any time:
    - 2.2.1 By mutual consent, or
    - 2.2.2 By either party giving one month's written notice of their decision to terminate the agreement.
3. Programme management and reporting requirements:
  - 3.1 The programme will be managed on a day-to-day basis by the **Department DISTEM** which will contribute to implement the following activities:
    - Organization of the project's final conference
    - Monitoring activities at the project reintroduction sites (see Annex 2)
    - Maintenance of the existing equipment and acquisition of new equipment for monitoring activities (see Annex 2)
    - Dissemination activities of the project results
  - 3.2 The **Department DISTEM** shall report to University of Fribourg fully by **31<sup>st</sup> November 2025**.
  - 3.3 The final report, submitted by the **31<sup>st</sup> November 2025**, should be concise and should include the following sections:
    - a) A description of the work undertaken during the project;

- b) The outcomes and particular achievements of the project;
- c) The significance of such achievements (i.e. why was this work is important and what long-term benefits will it have for the target species);
- d) Any difficulties or problems encountered during the project;
- e) A statement of expenditure, in line with the proposed budget provided in annexes.
- f) Illustrative photographs, copies on any brochures and other publications and materials (such as press releases and articles that appeared in the media) prepared as part of the project should be provided to University of Fribourg also with the final report.

4. Finances:

- 4.1 It is agreed that the money allocated by the University of Fribourg shall be expended by the **Department DISTEM**, over a period of 12 months. University of Fribourg will pay the fees to the nominated bank account of the **Department DISTEM** (see Annex 1) and transfer the amount of **EUR 8,500**. upon signing of this agreement.
- 4.2 Detailed accounts of project expenditure should be kept as an audit of the project may be carried out.
- 4.3 Proposed significant variations from this budget should be communicated to and approved by the University of Fribourg in advance of expenditure.
- 4.4 Any unspent funds are to be returned to University of Fribourg at the end of the contract
- 4.5 The **Department DISTEM** is responsible for payment of all necessary Taxes and Fees applicable under Italian law from within the total value sum.

5. Acknowledgement of the Partnership:

- 5.1 The project partners agree to give due acknowledgement to each other for activities undertaken as part of the project, including in relevant publications, reports, media releases and other outputs from the project, whether in printed or electronic form. University of Fribourg will provide guidance on the appropriate use of logos and names used by any partner.
- 5.2 The project partners agree that all relevant publications, reports, media releases and other outputs from the project should be reviewed by the Partners, or their designated representative(s) prior to their release and in a timely manner, to ensure that all

statements contained within them are in agreement with the spirit and terms of this agreement.

6. Insurance:

6.1 The **Department DISTEM** is not covered by any professional indemnity insurance from University of Fribourg and is responsible for arranging their own professional indemnity insurance at their discretion.

6.2 In addition, the **Department DISTEM** is responsible for ensuring that travel, medical and personal liability insurance, including insurance for personal property, required for undertaking this role is in place as appropriate.

6.3 University of Fribourg will not be held liable in any way for injury, loss or damage, unless shown to be directly responsible due to its actions or negligence.

7. Conflicts of Interest

7.1 The **Department DISTEM** shall have no current interests or contracts liable to conflict with the requirements of this agreement.

8. Confidentiality

8.1 Any information of a confidential character to the affairs of either University of Fribourg or the **Department DISTEM** to which either party becomes privy as a result of the work to be performed under this agreement, shall be treated as confidential, during as well as after the performance of the said services, subject to obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act.

9. Law

9.1. The law which regulates this agreement is the law of the Republic of Italy.

**ANNEX 1**

**BANK DETAILS:**



**DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND SEA SCIENCES (DISTEM), UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO**

**Bank Account Name:** Università degli Studi di Palermo

**Bank Account Number:** 000015632748

**SWIFT Code:** CRPPIT2PXXX

**IBAN Number:** IT50R0623004609000015632748

**Bank Name:** CREDIT AGRICOLE - Sede di Palermo

**Bank Address:**

**Payment Reference:** DISTEM Palermo - Agreement UNIFR Project Ptilostemon greuterii

**ANNEX 2**

**FINAL REPORT OF THE PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES 2021-2024:**

