

## **INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between the:

**CIMA Research Foundation – International Center on Environmental Monitoring with address at the University of Genoa Campus – Savona, Italy** (hereinafter referred to as the "CIMA RF")

and the:

**Whalesafari Ltd.** (hereinafter referred to as the "Whalesafari Ltd.")

In recognition of their mutual interests on cetacean monitoring and researches, the CIMA RF and the Whalesafari Ltd. propose to further their interests in accordance with this International Memorandum Of Understanding (IMOU).

- 1- The purpose of this IMOU is to encourage voluntary interaction and cooperation between the two partners and to promote friendship between the two Parties for their mutual benefit. CIMA RF and the Whalesafari Ltd. recognize the value of the cooperative in-field monitoring experiences that integrate theory and practice and enhance international linkages. This relationship may include the exchange of educational and research materials, publications and datasets, as resources permit and on a no-exchange-of-funds basis.
- 2- CIMA RF and the Whalesafari Ltd. may encourage researchers and students to pursue collaborative research that is jointly beneficial to their professional development and will lead to increased understanding between the Parties and their respective countries. This cooperation may include, but will not be limited to training, research and technical assistance in the areas of in-field monitoring of cetacean populations in particular using visual, acoustic and photo-identification methods. This cooperation may also include the formation of consortia and grant proposals in order to implement projects of mutual interest.
- 3- Neither party is obligated to expend any funds in connection with this IMOU. The implementation of any cooperative project shall be conditional upon the availability of sufficient funding acceptable to each of the participants and the execution of a written agreement signed by authorized official of the parties. CIMA RF and the Whalesafari Ltd. will each designate a Department or Unit and a representative who is to be responsible for the management and possibly updating of this IMOU.

4- This IMOU takes effects when signed by authorized representative of both parties. The agreement will continue in force and effect for a period of five (5) years from such date. It may be renewed. Either party may request termination of the agreement upon such terms as are mutually agreeable to parties at the time, or with three (3) months advance notice.

On May, the 6<sup>th</sup> 2009

Signatures

For CIMA Research Foundation, Italy

Title: *V. Presidente*  
Name: *Prof. Franco SICCO*

Designated Representative

Title: *RESEARCHER*

Name: *F. Mantini*

For Whalesafari Ltd., Norway

Title: *Manager*  
Name: *Arnbjørn Gerdum*

Designated Representative

Title: *Guide and student coordinator*

Name: *Annika Knorr*