

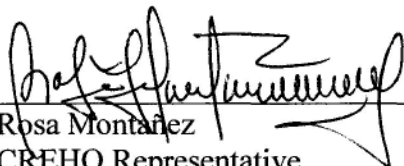
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE MIGRATORY SPECIES INITIATIVE  
AND  
THE RAMSAR REGIONAL CENTER FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH ON  
WETLANDS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE (CREHO)


The Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI) and the Ramsar Regional Center for Training and Research on Wetlands in the Western Hemisphere (CREHO) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the basis of shared interests and a wish to build synergy.

WHMSI serves as a mechanism to promote collaboration for the conservation of migratory species across the entire Western Hemisphere. CREHO is a not-for-profit international organization promoting the management and wise use of wetlands in the Americas. CREHO uses processes such as capacity building, research and communication to achieve a sustainable impact in wetlands.

CREHO can assist WHMSI by incorporating the priorities identified in WHMSI's capacity building plan into CREHO's training activities. WHMSI can provide CREHO: (1) greater opportunity to influence other hemispheric conservation initiatives; and (2) a new potential venue for delivery of training initiatives.

WHMSI and CREHO recognize the breadth of each others' mission, respecting those missions in their entirety, while focusing on those portions that overlap. Therefore, WHMSI and CREHO intend to seek ways to work together more effectively and to build on each others' strengths and thus enhance the effectiveness of both institutions.

  
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