

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT  
AND TOURISM  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE  
ON FISHERIES COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism of the Republic of Chile (hereinafter individually referred to as "the Party" and collectively referred to as "the Parties");

**DESIRING** to further promote the bilateral relations between the two countries;

**REALIZING** the importance to further strengthen fisheries and aquaculture cooperation between both countries;

**RECOGNIZING** that expanding and deepening the bilateral fisheries and aquaculture cooperation is conducive to promoting sustainable socio-economic development, ensuring food security, and improving the livelihoods of coastal communities.

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the great significance of the Parties achieving the fisheries and aquaculture sustainable development by adhering to the principles of innovation, coordination, openness, sharing and green development;

**REAFFIRMING** the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982;

**RECALLING** all bilateral documents on fisheries cooperation signed by the two countries, including the Memorandum of Understanding on Fisheries Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Chile signed on 24 November 1995 (hereinafter referred to as "the MoU 1995") and the Joint Statement between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Chile signed on 17 October 2023;

**PURSUANT TO** the respective prevailing laws and regulations of the Parties; Have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1 Objective**

The Parties shall further strengthen mutually beneficial and practical fisheries and aquaculture cooperation.

## **Article 2 Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the following areas:

1. Aquaculture
  - (1) Enhance exchanges on aquaculture breeding and disease prevention and control technologies;
  - (2) Promote the expansion of trade in farmed aquatic products.
  
2. Fisheries Science and Technology
  - (1) Conduct joint research on the impacts of climate change on the marine ecosystem in the Southeast Pacific;
  - (2) Advance collaborative studies on technologies of marine biodiversity conservation and coexistence with small-scale fisheries;
  - (3) Promote academic exchanges and talent cultivation cooperation among universities and research institutions.
  
3. Fishing Community Development
  - (1) Explore investment cooperation in fishing, aquaculture, processing, and port infrastructure;
  - (2) Promote trade in fishing equipment and aquatic products;
  - (3) Enhance cultural exchanges in fisheries to foster friendship between fishers of both countries.
  
4. Logistics and Port Services for Fishing Activities:
  - (1) Enhance service collaboration in distant-water fisheries, including but not limited to: vessel maintenance, supplies replenishment, and crew change for Chinese distant-water fishing vessels in Chilean ports; in strict compliance with the principles and guidelines established under the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
  - (2) Strengthen cooperation on humanitarian assistance and force majeure or distress coordination for fishing vessels, establishing emergency response mechanisms for contingencies.
  
5. International Governance
  - (1) Enhance collaboration under Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), including but not limited to South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO), Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), and Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC);
  - (2) Cooperate in preventing, deterring, and eliminating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing;

(3) Strengthen sustainable fisheries management cooperation, including but not limited to jack mackerel, squid, Antarctic krill, Patagonian toothfish, and Antarctic toothfish.

6. Modalities of Cooperation

- (1) Convene meetings to enhance dialogue and coordination on policy;
- (2) Jointly organize workshops and training programs for capacity building;
- (3) Facilitate personnel exchanges, knowledge sharing and information exchange;
- (4) Other forms of cooperation mutually agreed by both parties.

**Article 3**  
**Implementation Mechanism**

1. The Parties agree that the Bureau of Fisheries of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China and the Under-Secretariat for Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism of the Republic of Chile shall serve as the implementing agencies for this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Parties shall establish a Joint Fisheries Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") to oversee the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. The Committee shall convene annual meetings, alternating between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Chile. Date of meeting shall be mutually determined. Meetings may also be held through other mutually agreed formats or channels. Ad hoc meetings may be convened through diplomatic channels upon mutual consent when necessary.

**Article 4**  
**Financial Arrangements**

The Parties shall bear their own costs for activities under this Memorandum of Understanding in principle, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing by the participating entities implementing specific projects.

**Article 5**  
**Intellectual Property Rights**

1. Any intellectual property brought by one Party for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain the property of that Party.
2. The ownership of any intellectual property rights resulted from activities under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to a separate arrangement concluded between the Parties.

**Article 6**  
**Data Management and Publication**

1. Either Party shall not give and/or transfer any data and information obtained to any third parties without the prior written consent from the other Party.
2. Each Party will disclose the contents of any publications due to be issued based on the joint project and gain the written consent of the other Party before the document is published.

**Article 7**  
**Amendment**

1. Either Party may request a revision, modification or amendment of all or part of this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised, modified or amended by mutual consent of the Parties. Such revision, modification or amendment shall enter into force on a date to be mutually agreed by the Parties.

**Article 8**  
**Suspension**

Either Party may, on grounds of national security or national interests, suspend the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding in whole or in part, provided that written notice is communicated to the other Party through diplomatic channels at least six (6) months in advance.

**Article 9**  
**Dispute Resolution**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the rights and obligations of China and Chile under international treaties to which both Parties are contracting parties, or international organizations in which both Parties are members.
2. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved by the Parties through amicable consultations.

**Article 10**  
**Entry into Force, Duration, and Termination**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of 10 (ten) years and will be automatically renewed for another period of ten years and thereafter accordingly, unless terminated.

3. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by giving written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels at least 12 (twelve) months in advance.
4. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the completion of any ongoing programs and/or projects under this Memorandum of Understanding except agreed otherwise by the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on December 18, 2025, in duplicate in the Chinese, Spanish, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretations of the Chinese and Spanish texts, the English text will prevail.



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