



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
PALESTINE WILDLIFE SOCIETY (PWLS)  
AND  
CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY (CED)**

**I. PARTIES**

**First Party:**

**Center for Environmental Diplomacy (CED)** is a non-governmental organization concerned about public health and the quality of the environment. CED is established as a 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation based in Washington, D.C. with affiliated offices in Ramallah and Jericho (CED Palestine). CED members have specific project experience in environmental, capacity building and sustainable development projects in the Middle East.

**Second Party:**

**Palestine Wildlife Society (PWLS)** is an active professional, non-profit organization (Registered: BL314/SC /1999 –Ministry of Interior-PNA) working in research and awareness for the Conservation of Nature in Palestine within the Palestinian Territories. PWLS was established in 1999 as the first of its kind in the area, having begun work in the year 1999. Since then PWLS has developed clear and strategic objectives regarding Environmental Educational Concepts, Conservation of Nature and Biodiversity. Through the years PWLS has proved dedication and effectiveness in raising environmental awareness throughout different sections in Palestinian Territories and the region.

**II. BACKGROUND**

PWLS and CED share a common vision of fostering public stewardship through creating Environmental Services Districts in Palestine. CED and PWLS will jointly develop and implement projects that build capacity and an understanding of the purpose and services of Environmental Services Districts (ESD).

ESD's are self-sustaining institutions located in a geographic "service" area that provide water, sanitation, waste management and natural resource conservations services to their communities.

PWLS and CED seek to jointly support development of the Environmental Services District Pilot Project: the Jericho Environmental District (JED), by providing the public with information about the impacts of poor environmental health on humans and the economy—and potential solutions to which everyone can contribute.



## II. PURPOSE

Both CED and PWLS agree to advance the purposes of the JED and future environmental services districts, with the following objectives:

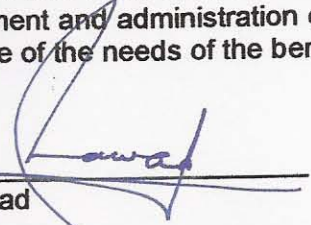
- Implement the objectives of the JED Public Involvement and JED Environmental Education proposals developed jointly by CED and PWLS.
- Promote sound environmental management in the Jordan River Valley District for conservation and enhancement of the biodiversity of wildlife in Palestine;
- Identify government departments, NGOs and technical experts that can support project development and implementation;
- Develop additional collaborative projects and identify sources of funding to support;

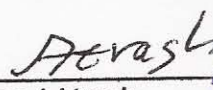
## IV. AUTHORITIES

CED and PWLS agree to seek the support of the relevant authorities in the Palestinian National Authority to coordinate the development of JED Projects. We also agree to seek the support of the International Finance Institutes, Private Foundations and other sources of financial support to realize the establishment of the Jericho Environmental District.

## V. MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE PARTIES

Both CED and PWLS have a mutual interest in outcomes that ensure that technical management and administration of environmental projects are both self-sustaining and respective of the needs of the beneficiaries.

  
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