

THE ROYAL CHARTER OF INCORPORATION
The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

PREAMBLE

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS the incorporated organisation commonly known as the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (hereinafter referred to as 'the former Company') petitioned Us for a Charter of Incorporation,

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf and of all others powers enabling Us so to do of Our Especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors will grant, direct, appoint and declare as follows:

The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

1 The persons now members of the said organisation and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the body corporate hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents and their successors shall for ever hereafter (so long as they shall continue to be such members) be by virtue of these Presents one body corporate by the name of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (hereinafter referred to as the Chartered Institute) and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Our Courts of law, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

OBJECTS

2 The objects for which the Chartered Institute is hereby constituted are to advance the understanding and the standards of practice of ecology and environmental management for the benefit of the natural environment and the public good; and to further the conservation, management and enhancement of biodiversity and the maintenance of ecological processes and life support systems essential to a fully functional biosphere.

POWERS

3 And the Chartered Institute shall have the following powers exercisable in furtherance of its said objects but not otherwise, namely:

- (i) To establish and uphold the standards of professional competence and conduct of those who practise ecology and environmental management as a profession.
- (ii) To arrange or assist others in arranging for meetings, educational courses, lectures, and social occasions for the interest of the members and for their professional development.
- (iii) To establish, manage, promote, organize, finance and encourage the study, writing, production and distribution of books, periodicals, monographs and pamphlets and the publication, in print or electronic form, of educational courses, good practice guidance and lectures.
- (iv) To establish, manage, promote, organize, finance, equip and maintain libraries.
- (v) To undertake activities to increase understanding of the role of the ecological and environmental management profession.
- (vi) To promote, commission, undertake and publish research in areas useful to the Chartered Institute's objects.
- (vii) To create and maintain a Register of Chartered Ecologists or such other Chartered Practitioner description, whether separately or in association with one or more other organizations, and to establish such conditions of registration and removal of registration as may be decided.
- (viii) To promote the formation of organisations, whether charitable or not, for the purpose of any of the objects of the Chartered Institute and to assist such organisations as necessary in the fulfilment of their objects.
- (ix) To make provision for lectureships, bursaries, prizes and grants.
- (x) To give or lend money for the furtherance of the objects of the Chartered Institute.
- (xi) To create, and undertake the management of, any trusts or endowments and any scholarships and exhibitions for the furtherance of the objects of the Chartered Institute.

(xii) To support any institutions or persons having objects, charitable or otherwise, similar to those of the Chartered Institute.

(xiii) To make suitable arrangements for undertaking the work of the Chartered Institute and for organising meetings of the Chartered Institute.

(xiv) To employ such staff, who shall not be members of the Governing Board, as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of salaries, pensions and any other benefits to them.

(xv) To raise funds and to invite or receive contributions from any person whatsoever by way of subscription, donation, and otherwise than through permanent trading unless undertaken through a subsidiary incorporated company.

(xvi) Subject to any consents as may be required by law, to invest the monies of the Chartered Institute not immediately required in or upon such investments or other property or other assets as the Governing Board may think fit.

(xvii) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire real or personal property and rights or privileges therein, and to construct, maintain and alter buildings or erections.

(xviii) Subject to such consents as may be required by law to sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the assets of the Chartered Institute.

(xix) Subject to such consents as may be required by law to borrow or raise money on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.

(xx) To create such By-laws subject to the approval of the Privy Council as the Governing Board of the Chartered Institute may consider necessary for the good administration of the Chartered Institute. The first such Bylaws are attached to this Charter as the Schedule.

(xxi) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental to the attainment or furtherance of the said objects.

Provided that:

(a) the Chartered Institute's object shall not extend to the representation of the interests of members with regard to their conditions of employment, and

(b) nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Chartered Institute:-

(i) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or employee of the Chartered Institute (not being a member of its Governing Board) for any agreed services rendered to the Chartered Institute;

(ii) to any member of its Governing Board of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses; and

(c) the Chartered Institute shall exercise its powers and influence always with regard to improving whilst safeguarding the environment.

MATTERS RELATED TO PROPERTY

4 (i) The Chartered Institute, or any person on its behalf, may acquire for the purposes of the Chartered Institute any lands tenements or hereditaments or any interest therein; and to hold the same in perpetuity or otherwise and from time to time (subject to all such consents as are by law required) to grant demise alienate or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

(ii) Any person and any body corporate may assure in perpetuity, or otherwise, or demise or devise to, or for the benefit of, the Chartered Institute any lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, or any interest therein, within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(iii) The Chartered Institute may also accept the transfer of the assets, rights and liabilities of the former company (including any contractual rights and liabilities, property and monies held on behalf of, or in trust for, the former company by any person or body corporate or unincorporate) and on such terms as the Chartered Institute and the former company may agree.

(iv) In the investment of monies belonging to, or held by, the Chartered Institute, the Chartered Institute shall seek such advice as it may see fit and shall take into account any law relating to charitable or other investment applicable at the time of such investment. Subject as aforesaid no liability shall attach to any officer, employee or member of the Chartered Institute in respect of any loss or depreciation of any investment so made in good faith as aforesaid and any investment may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Chartered Institute.

(v) In case the Chartered Institute shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, the Chartered Institute shall only deal with or invest the same in such manner as allowed by law, having regard to such trusts.

(vi) The income and property of the Chartered Institute shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Our Charter and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of

dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Chartered Institute and no member of its Governing Board shall be appointed to any office of the Chartered Institute paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or in kind from the Chartered Institute.

CHARTER CHANGES

5 The members may, by a Special Resolution passed at any general meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, revoke, amend or add to the provisions of this Our Charter; but no such revocation, amendment or addition shall, until approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as revoked, amended or added to. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

BY-LAW CHANGES

6 The members may, by a Special Resolution passed at any general meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, revoke, amend or add to the By-laws for the time being in force; but no such revocation, amendment or addition shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of the Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

7 The members may, by a Special Resolution passed at any general meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, determine to surrender this Our Charter, subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit, and wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the Chartered Institute in such manner as shall be determined by such resolution or, in default of such direction, as Our Courts of law shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the Chartered Institute for the time being, and if, on the winding up or dissolution of the Chartered Institute, there shall remain, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members or any of them but shall, subject to any special trusts affecting the same, be given and transferred to some association having objects similar to the objects of the Chartered Institute which shall prohibit the distribution of its income or property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Chartered Institute by this Our Charter, such association to be determined by the members at or before the time of dissolution.

CONCLUSION

8 And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in all things good firm valid and effectual according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken construed and adjudged in all Our Courts of law and elsewhere in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the Chartered Institute any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter, or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the [] day of [] in the [] year of Our Reign

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL