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mechanisms of...

# COLLABORATION



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# Five mechanisms...



- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
- **Interagency Agreement**
- **Cooperative Agreement**
- *Contribution Agreement*
- *Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU)*



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# MOU



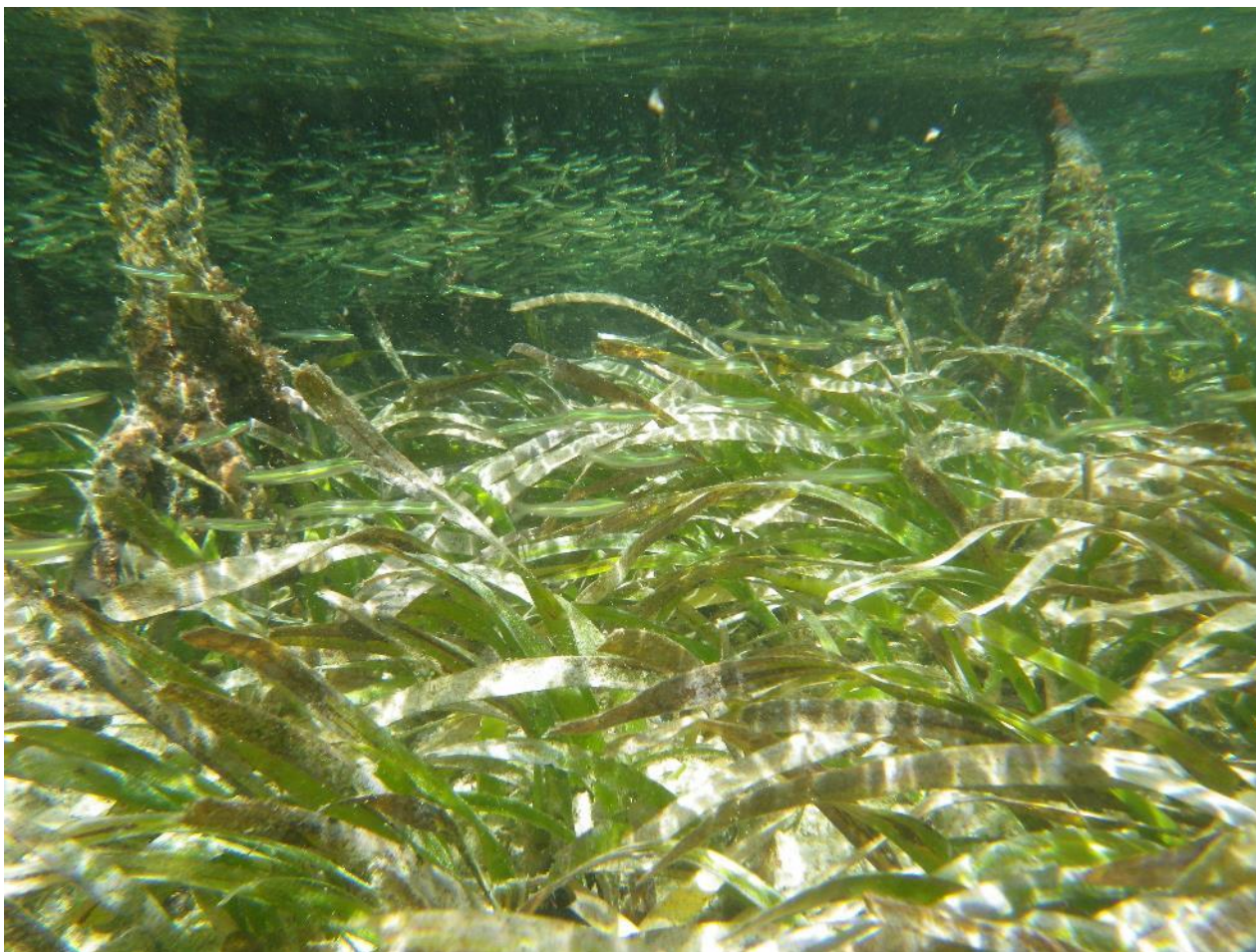
- a commitment for NRCS to partner with any entity (federal, state, private) without the exchange of money
- must be signed by the Chief

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# Interagency Agreement



- a commitment between NRCS and another Federal entity where NRCS can receive or contribute money
- can be signed by the allowance holder

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# Cooperative Agreement



- a commitment between NRCS and any other non-federal entity where NRCS provides money
- 20% of these agreements must be competitive
- may be funded up to 100% by NRCS

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# Contribution Agreement



- a commitment of mutual interest where each entity contributes equal resources in carrying out programs administered by NRCS
- coordinated by NRCS State Offices
- requires 50% from partner

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# CESU



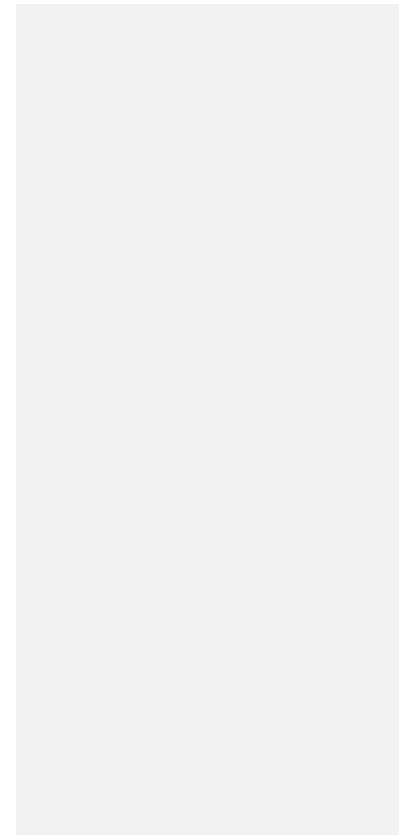
- conduct projects that address issues at multiple scales in an ecosystem context
- a working collaborative with participation from numerous partners
- based at host universities and focused on a biogeographic region

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# Questions?



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