

**Comments of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) on the
Invitation to Join the International Mangrove Center (IMC) as a Member State**

The Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) considers that Bangladesh's engagement with the International Mangrove Center (IMC) is both policy-relevant and strategically beneficial. BARC believes that this initiative offers a valuable opportunity for the Council to serve as a key scientific and technical partner in advancing collaborative research on Blue Carbon Assessment, GeoMRV, Carbon Accounting, Mangrove Agroforestry, Climate-Smart Coastal Agriculture, Ecosystem Monitoring, and Nature-based Solutions (NbS). In addition, a National Mangrove Research Consortium can be formed by BARC, Forest Department, BFRI, universities and other national institutions to lead research, technology development, capacity building and implementation of international projects with IMC and also play an important role in establishing a Regional Training and Knowledge Hub for South Asia.

However, it is more appropriate to follow the "Join, but with Conditions" policy for joining IMC, especially in the context of Sundarbans, Blue Carbon, coastal climate resilience and international climate finance. It is believed that the legal, financial and administrative aspects of the Establishment Agreement should be reviewed in detail before approving membership and, if necessary, the effectiveness of the institution should be assessed first through Observer Status or Technical Cooperation Arrangement.



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