

SMALL ISLANDS ORGANISATION



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## **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The Small Islands Organisation association was founded by the members of these statutes under the French law of the 1st of July 1901 and the decree of the 16th of August 1901.

## **ARTICLE 2: OBJECT**

The Small Islands organization association's objective is to carry out projects that actively contribute to a better balance between human development and islands resources management. It operates mainly on small islands (< 150 km<sup>2</sup>) in France (metropolitan and overseas) and internationally. These measures can potentially be replicated on other scales, on continental coastal environments, and other remote areas.

Using various means (promoting good practices and innovative solutions, networking and cooperation between peers, technical and institutional support, investment and certification), the association must help initiate integrated land projects, collaboratively with all stakeholders, on the following themes: water, energy, waste, terrestrial and marine ecosystems, biodiversity, landscape, socio-economic and cultural development, and land development.

## **ARTICLE 3: HEADQUARTERS**

The registered office is fixed at: 3 Rue Marcel Arnaud, 13100 Aix-en-Provence. It can be transferred simply with a decision of the Administration council.

## **ARTICLE 4: DURATION**

The duration of the association is unlimited.

## **ARTICLE 5: COMPOSITION**

The association consists of subscribing members (individuals and legal entities):

- Founding members
- Representatives of the Island Committees
- Participants in island life
- Representatives of institutions and networks
- Qualified people

Additionally, any other person – or legal entity - interested in the purpose of the association can be:

- A supporter, in the absence of donations
- A benefactor, if there are donations.

Benefactors and supporters only have privileged access to events and documents produced by the association. They may attend General Assemblies but cannot take part in the votes.

## **ARTICLE 6: ADMISSION**

Membership is obtained by sending an application to join to the President of the association. Council Administration reserves the right to refuse membership to a person or legal entity whose activities are incompatible with the objectives of the association.

## **ARTICLE 7 - MEMBERS - SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

The fee amount is determined by the Administration council.

## **ARTICLE 8 - CANCELLATIONS**

The membership is lost by:

- (a) Resignation
- (b) Death, or dissolution in the case of an association, or the cessation of activity for an institutional structure
- (c) Cancellation by order of the Council Administration for reason serious
- (d) Non-payment of dues

## **ARTICLE 9 – AFFILIATION**

The association can join networks, other NGOs, unions or other groups by decision of the Administration council.

## **ARTICLE 10 – RESOURCES**

The association's sources of financing can include:

- Private financing (funding, grants, sponsorship, donations, bequests)
- Public financing (States, communes, departments, regions and governments of other countries affected by the international activities of the association, European Union, etc.)
- Payments for services
- Own revenue and subscriptions

The association's resources include all resources authorised by current laws and regulations.

## **ARTICLE 11 – ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly includes all members of the association. It is structured in 5 colleges :

- Founding members
- Representatives of the Island Committees
- Island life participants
- Institutions and networks
- Qualified people

All members that are not part of a college are observers. They are not taken into account for the provisions related to quorums and votes. It meets at least once every year when convened by the Board. Decisions are made with 50% plus one of the votes cast.

The President, assisted by the members of the Council Administration, chairs the Assembly and presents the association's state of affairs and activity report. The Treasurer presents its management report and submits the annual accounts (balance sheets, income statements and annexes) for approval by the Assembly. The Secretary prepares the minutes and signs them.

## **ARTICLE 12: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

If necessary, or at the request of half plus one of the members, the president may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly. It makes decisions by a majority of two thirds of the members present or represented.

### **ARTICLE 13: COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

The association is governed by an Administration Council; which includes 3 to 25 members, elected by secret ballot within the General Assembly for two years. A third of its members are renewed every two years. Members are eligible for re-election. The Administration council meets at least once a year when convened by the Board. The participation of one-third plus one of the members is necessary for the Administration council's decisions to be validated. Decisions are taken by show of hands or by electronic means by majority vote of those attending the meeting or represented.

### **ARTICLE 14 - THE BOARD**

The Administration council elects the Board among its members by secret ballot which is composed at least of:

- 1) A President
- 2) A Secretary
- 3) A Treasurer.

Deputy roles can be created by decision of the Board.

### **ARTICLE 15 - COMPENSATION**

All roles, including those of the members of the Administration council and the Board are unpaid volunteer work. Costs and expenses incurred by the members of the Board to fulfil their mandates may be reimbursed. The accounts statement presented at the Ordinary General Assembly states reimbursements for operation costs, travel or representation expenses, paid to members of the Board.

### **ARTICLE 16 - RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Rules of procedure may be established by the Administration council, which is then approved by the General Assembly.

These rules are intended to establish the various points not covered by these statutes, including those relating to the internal administration of the association. Any changes must be approved in the same form.

## **ARTICLE 17: DISSOLUTION**

In case dissolution is declared under the terms of article 12, one or several liquidators are appointed, and the assets, if there are any, are allocated according to the decisions taken at the Extraordinary General Assembly which decided on the dissolution.

## **ARTICLE 18: GENERAL INTEREST**

The SMILO association is considered of public interest because:  
Its headquarters are located in France;  
Its objectives are of a scientific, social and cultural nature;  
It does not act for the benefit of a restricted group of people;  
Its management is disinterested;  
Its activities are not for profit.

Aix en Provence, 29th of September, 2017

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