

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

of the webpage aquahub.boku.ac.at

1. Applicability and Aim of the Service

- (1) These Terms and Conditions shall apply to all services made available at aquahub.boku.ac.at (Aquahub) provided by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU).
- (2) Aquahub's mission is to interlink southern and northern experts and stakeholders to aggregate, generate and disseminate scientific evidence towards the sustainable management of freshwater ecosystems in Eastern Africa. Aquahub seeks to facilitate the development of concerted research initiatives, to support policy/decision making processes and to develop solutions balancing the needs of conservation and development.

2. Registration and Scope of the Service

- (1) The Aquahub webpage consists of a publicly available part which represents the network to the public and a members-only section.
- (2) The purpose of the members-section is to facilitate networking activities, exchange of relevant information and engage collaborations.
- (3) Natural or legal persons using the service may do so as visitors of the public available webpage or as logged-in member. Any natural person can become a member of the network after creating an account, providing a name, e-mail address and a password. Members display their professional identities (Name, current position, institution, country amongst others) to other members as well as visitors.
- (4) The service provides the possibility to submit or distribute relevant content to the network via posts like new publications, projects, job offers, funding, fellowships, conferences, workshops and tools amongst others in the form of text, documents, links photographs and illustrations. Such posts may be commented by other users. A headline and teaser of these posts will be visible for visitors, any further information will only be disclosed to other members.
- (5) Members may be found by other network members via the information they provide in their profiles, at least by their name, country, institution, position and expertise. Members can contact each other via the Aquahub internal message system. We will not share your email address with other members.

- (6) In order to receive a newsletter, containing most recent posts on the network, members must actively subscribe to it. You can subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter at any time.

3. User Obligations

- (1) Aquahub aims to interlink experts and stakeholders, therefore it is essential that members identify themselves using their real names, providing only true statements and non-misleading information. As a member you understand that all information posted through the service is the sole responsibility of the person by whom such content was submitted. Members are responsible to ensure that their activities within the Aquahub network do not violate the rights of anyone within the network or a third party, including without limitation any privacy rights, publicity rights, copyrights or any other intellectual property rights. When another user reports inappropriate content to us we may delete it.
- (2) You are obliged to keep your password to access the service secret. We recommend that you change your password at regular intervals in order to prevent misuse.
- (3) You must not post false content, content which constitutes hate speech or immoral or inappropriate content. Users must not use the service to annoy or attack others including but not limited to junk mail, offers to buy or sell, spam and excessive messaging. You must not post any information you do not have a right to publish. You must not employ any mechanisms, software or scripts when using the service and you must not intentionally infect others with viruses or other software that can destroy or collect data or computer devices of other users.

4. Changes to the service and terms

- (1) We reserve the right to modify the service at any time. Such modifications may include but are not limited to the introduction of new features, changing legal requirements or if the modification is of a purely technical nature without any impact on the member. Respectively we reserve the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time. We will provide notice of any change of these terms and will ask members to accept the new terms which shall be effective thirty days from the date of such notice. Members who have not accepted the new terms before the effective date but continue to use the service will be deemed to have accepted the new terms.

5. Termination

- (1) You may terminate this relation at any time without cause by simply deleting your account. BOKU is entitled to terminate member accounts, information provided by the members or submission for good cause at any time. Good cause includes violations of

these terms, any legal obligations or if a member exposes BOKU or any other member to potential risk or legal liability.

- (2) If a member loses the right to use the service, he or she has still the ability to access the service as a visitor. Content posted by the former member shall survive termination, as long as the content does not violate these terms and any legal obligations. Personal information like name, country or institution of the member who created the post will be deleted and is not visible anymore.

6. Miscellaneous

- (1) If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is or becomes legally ineffective, the effectiveness of the remaining provisions of these Terms and Conditions shall not be affected. To the extent legally permissible, the ineffective provision shall be replaced by an effective provision which comes as close as possible to the meaning and the purpose of the ineffective one. The same shall apply in the case of gaps.

7. Place of jurisdiction and applicable court

- (1) For all disputes arising out of or in connection with contracts to which these Terms and Conditions apply, including the question of the valid conclusion, nullity and pre- and aftereffects of the contract, Austrian law shall apply, to the exclusion of reference standards of international private law.
- (2) The place of jurisdiction shall be the competent court for commercial matters in Vienna.

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