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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
FLORIDA INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION SCIENCE, INC.**

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I - NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be Florida Institute for Conservation Science, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II - ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE  
AND MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION**

The street address of the principal office, and the mailing address, of the Corporation is 2205 Sultan Circle, Chuluota, Florida 32766.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS OF CORPORATION**

A. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, including, for all such purposes, making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as the "Code"). To the extent consistent with the preceding sentence and permissible under Florida law, the purposes of the Corporation shall include, but shall not be limited to, promoting conservation by providing a think tank of scientists to provide scientific information,

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supporting research, advice, and guidance for the conservation and management of Florida's species and ecosystems.

B. The Corporation shall be authorized to carry out any and all acts and to exercise any and all corporate powers which may now or hereafter be lawful under the laws of the State of Florida to the extent applicable to corporations not for profit and that are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.

C. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article III.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distributing statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

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4. If the Corporation is, or shall ever be, classified as a "private foundation", as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code, the following provisions shall apply for so long as it remains a private foundation:

- (i) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.
- (ii) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code.
- (iii) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code.
- (iv) The Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.
- (v) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

#### ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall at all times consist of at least three (3) persons.

#### ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 2205 Sultan Circle, Chuluota, Florida 32766, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Reed F. Noss, Ph.D. The Board of Directors may from time to time designate a new registered office and registered agent.

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ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation are Reed F. Noss, Ph.D., 2205 Sultan Circle, Chuluota, Florida 32766.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, after the payment or provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, all of the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. In no event, however, may the assets to be disposed of be distributed to or for the benefit of any member, director, trustee, officer or other private person, other than as reasonable payment for services rendered by such person.

ARTICLE X - DATE OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

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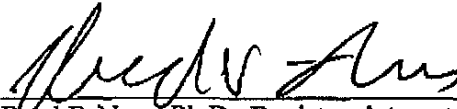
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.



Reed F. Noss, Ph.D., Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept such designation and agree to act in such capacity and comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties as registered agent, including the provisions of Section 48.091 of the Florida Statutes. I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Section 617.0503 of the Florida Statutes.



Reed F. Noss, Ph.D., Registered Agent

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