

**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this cooperative research project is to search for, identify, and prioritize potential biological control agents for saltcedar (*Tamarix ramosissima*). ***(This information is obtained from the AD-416).***

**APPROACH:**

Candidate insects or mites will be found by searching the literature and museum collections and by original field surveys. Prioritization of candidates will be based on host range, biology and ecology, according to published criteria and in consultation with the ADODR. The critical host range determinations will be evaluated from literature and museum research, collections on *T. Ramosissima*, and other *Tamarix* species, and on other plant genera and families in the field and in formal laboratory tests..... ***(This information is obtained from the AD-416).***

**STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTEREST:**

Both parties are actively engaged in independent research projects which identify new approaches to the biological control of saltcedar. ***(Relate to project title)***. The parties agree that meeting the objectives of this project will strengthen and enhance ongoing research within the scope of this agreement. ***(Identify independent and mutual interest in the project)***

**THE COOPERATOR AGREES TO:**

1. Work closely with ARS in planning and conducting the research outlined below.
2. Conduct at Cooperator facilities and elsewhere as appropriate, research directed toward selecting the most appropriate insects.....activities include:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

***(Outline specific duties and responsibilities necessary for successful completion of the project objective(s)).***

**ARS AGREES TO:**

1. Work closely with the cooperator in planning and conducting the research outlined above.

2. Conduct research on the following aspects of the project:

- a.
- b.
- c.

***(Outline specific duties and responsibilities necessary for successful completion of the project objectives).***

**MUTUAL AGREEMENTS:**

1. The estimated budget, Form ARS-454, is hereby incorporated into the agreement. The awarding agency will reimburse the Cooperator for costs related to salaries, material, supplies ***(from column 1 of ARS-454)*** in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and will contribute in-house resources in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ***(from column 2 of ARS-454)***. As evidence of the Cooperator's contribution to this project the Cooperator will provide in-house resources in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ***(column 3 of ARS-454)***.

2. Payments to the Cooperator will be made ***(insert frequency and method of payment, Treas Ck, HHS, EFT or through the American Embassy - City, Country)***, upon submission of a properly executed invoice. See ARS-452, Part 15 (Attached)

3. ***Use this section to apply terms/conditions that are unique to the agreement or cooperator and are not referenced in the general provisions (ARS-452).***