

OUTLINE FOR SUB-REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Much of the first afternoon of Monday, 23 January, is reserved for consultations in smaller sub-regional groups¹, to provide for exchange of ideas and experiences among countries with geographic affinity. The sessions allow for short presentations from countries on significant developments since the Fifth Meeting of Signatory States (August 2008); and for more in-depth discussion of issues arising in the plenary session of the meeting. Unless the group decides otherwise, the respective sub-regional Focal Point is expected to chair each session (i.e. WIO: Comoros; NWIO: United Arab Emirates; NIO: India; SEA+: Indonesia). A rapporteur should be appointed from each group to prepare a summary report and present in plenary (on Tuesday morning) the key points arising from the group's discussions.

The following common structure is proposed for each sub-regional consultation; however groups are free to add additional agenda points as necessary (within the time available).

1. Brief (up to 5 minute) country presentations highlighting key activities undertaken since 2008

e.g. interesting research findings, genetic / satellite tracking results, new protected areas, new conservation centres, innovative community-based conservation programmes, recently introduced management guidelines, significant enforcement problems / actions, etc etc.

2. Overview of fisheries interacting with marine turtles

e.g. any new information available on the nature of the fisheries; any results from new studies on fishery-turtle interactions; any new mitigation measures successfully introduced?

3. Overview of coastal development issues

e.g. major development projects initiated or planned, with potential impacts on turtles?

4. Future (national) planned activities of interest to, and possibly benefiting from collaboration with, other countries of the sub-region (eg. in relation to satellite tracking or genetics studies, by-catch mitigation trials etc.)

5. Use of, and possible contributions to, various IOSEA Online Tools: Reporting Facility, Satellite Tracking Metadatabase, Bibliography Resource, Genetics Directory, Projects Database, etc.

6. Details of planned meetings, workshops of possible relevance to other countries

7. Identification of broader opportunities for sub-regional exchanges, or other financial or technical support

– e.g. personnel exchanges for training purposes, collaboration on satellite tracking, joint development and/or distribution of public awareness materials etc.

8. Reporting on developments of interest regarding marine turtle conservation activities of other relevant sub-regional/regional organizations (eg. PERSGA, ROPME, IOTC, WIOMSA, SAARC, SEAFDEC etc etc.)

9. Review of proposed nominations to the Advisory Committee

10. Confirmation of sub-regional Focal Point representation

11. Any other business (e.g. advanced discussion of Agenda item 8a: IOSEA Site Network Proposal)

¹ IOSEA sub-regional designations: **South-East Asia +**: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam + Australia, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States; **Northern Indian Ocean**: Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; **Northwestern Indian Ocean**: Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen; **Western Indian Ocean**: Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania.