



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE CONSERVATION OF
MIGRATORY SHARKS**

CMS/Sharks/AC1/Doc.2.2

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First Meeting of the Advisory Committee
San José, Costa Rica, 12-13 February 2016
Agenda Item 2

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(as at 8 February)

Friday 12 February			
Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Action requested
08.00 – 09.30	Registration		
09.30 – 13.00	1. Opening of the Meeting The meeting will be formally opened by Ms. Melanie Virtue, CMS and Mr. John Carlson, Chair of the Advisory Committee.	<i>No document</i>	
	2. Agenda and Schedule 2.1 <u>Provisional Agenda and list of Documents</u> 2.2 <u>Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule</u> The AC will discuss a number of documents tabled at MOS2. The outcome of this meeting, including AC1 recommendations to MOS2, will be summarized in <u>CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.13.2</u> , which will be finalized and published in time for MOS2 on 15 February.	AC1/Doc.2.1 AC1/Doc.2.2	– Review and adopt the agenda and schedule
	3. Introduction of Advisory Committee Members and External Experts AC members and external experts will be invited to briefly introduce themselves and their respective fields of work.	<i>No document</i>	
	4. Report of the Chair John Carlson will provide a report on the work of the AC during the last triennium.	MOS2/Doc.7.3	– Note the Report
	5. Proposals to Amend Annex 1 of the MOU The assessments of proposals for the inclusion of species or species groups in Annex 1 of the MOU, as prepared by the AC in the intersessional period, will be reviewed and additional information provided as appropriate. The current criteria for the inclusion of species in Annex 1 will be introduced and the AC will discuss possible amendments or additions to the criteria.	Assessment: MOS2/Doc.8.2.10 Listing criteria: CMS/Sharks/Outcome 1.4	– Review the assessment of listing proposals; – Review criteria for listing – Make any additional recommendations
13.00–14.30	Lunch break		

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14.30-18.00	<p>6. Proposal to Amend Annex 3 of the MOU The AC will re-examine the revision of the Conservation Plan with regard to priorities, time frames and entities, responsible for implementation.</p>	MOS2/Doc.8.3.1/Rev.1	– Review the amendments made.
	<p>7. Programme of Work The Secretariat will present the draft Programme of Work, which will provide guidance to the Signatories, AC, Cooperating Partners and Secretariat on the implementation of the MOU. It proposes activities based on the Conservation Plan and priorities as identified by the AC (see Doc.8.3.1/Rev1).</p> <p>It includes proposals to establish two working groups, the Species Working Group and the Bycatch Working Group, which will be discussed later in the agenda.</p>	MOS2/Doc.9.1	– Review the Programme of Work and make recommendations to MOS2, to be included in <u>MOS2/Doc.13.2</u>
	<p>8. Conservation Priorities</p> <p><u>A pilot study on Conservation priorities for shark and ray species included and proposed for inclusion in Annex 1 to the MOU.</u> Presented by the author, Dr. David Ebert.</p> <p>The study was commissioned at the request of the AC to elaborate priority conservation measures to implement the Conservation Plan at the species level.</p> <p>The AC may consider this study as basis of the work for the Species Working Group, and related workshop as proposed in the draft Programme of Work. (see MOS2/Doc.9.1)</p> <p>The AC will further discuss the mandate, composition and work plan for the Species Working Group and make recommendations to MOS2.</p>	<p>MOS2/Doc.9.2 MOS2/Inf.12</p> <p>See also MOS2/Doc.9.1</p>	<p>– Review the report and make suggestions;</p> <p>– Consider the establishment of a Species Working Group under the AC and develop ToR to be included in <u>MOS2/Doc.13.2.</u></p>

Saturday 13 February			
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9.30-13.00	<p>9. Partnerships and Cooperation</p> <p>9.1 A Bycatch Working Group under the umbrella of the AC, is proposed in <u>MOS2/Doc.9.1</u>. Its first task would be to develop a strategy for an improved cooperation with RFMOs RSCs and other fisheries-related organizations.</p>	<p>MOS2/Doc.11.2</p> <p>See also MOS2/Doc.9.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consider the establishment of a Bycatch Working Group under the AC and develop TOR for the consideration of MOS2. – to be included in <u>MOS2/Doc.13.2</u>.
	<p><u>9.2 Proposal for the creation of a list of experts concerned with shark conservation</u></p> <p>The Sec has proposed to the Signatories to create an expert directory of regional or global specialists, which can be referred to by Signatories and the AC for scientific and technical advice.</p> <p>The experts invited to AC1 have been included in an initial list (see Annex.2 of the document)</p>	<p>MOS2/Doc.13.3</p> <p>Identify additional experts to be nominated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identify additional experts to be nominated to the directory
13.00-14.30	Lunch Break		
14.30-18.00	<p>10. National Reporting</p> <p>A draft format to facilitate reporting on implementation of the MOU by the Signatories, was developed by the Secretariat in consultation with the AC. It will be considered by the Signatories at MOS2.</p>	MOS2/Doc.12.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review the draft format for national reporting and make recommendations to MOS2, to be included in <u>MOS2/Doc.13.2</u>.
	<p>11. Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee</p> <p>The current TOR of the AC, which were adopted by MOS1, will be discussed, including the composition, frequency of meetings, modus operandi and the establishment of working groups.</p>	MOS2/Doc.13.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review the TOR of the AC and make recommendations to MOS2, to be included in <u>MOS2/Doc.13.2</u>.
	12. Any Other Business		
	13. Closure of the Meeting		