



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

CMS/Sharks/Outcome 2.1

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SHARKS MOU

### Background

1. At its second session, the Meeting of the Signatories adopted by consensus three amendments to the Sharks MOU based on proposals presented in CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc. 8.1.1. The amendments relate to the budget (paragraph 15), voting (paragraph 18), the Advisory Committee (paragraph 24) and cooperating partners (paragraph 30).
2. For clarity, the amendments are presented in track changes. New text is underlined; deletions are ~~struckthrough~~.
3. A clean version of the Sharks MOU will be made available on the website of Secretariat.

### Concerning the Budget

15. Each Signatory should:

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- c) Endeavour to provide annual voluntary contributions to facilitate the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and delivery of the conservation plan.

### Concerning Voting

18. The Meeting of the Signatories should be the decision-making body of this Memorandum of Understanding. ~~Decision making of the Meeting of the Signatories should be by consensus.~~ Without prejudice to Paragraph 33 of the Memorandum of Understanding the Signatories should make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. Detailed rules governing the possibilities of proceeding to vote will be laid down in the Rules of Procedure referred to in Paragraph 21 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### Concerning the Advisory Committee

24. The first Meeting of the Signatories should establish an Advisory Committee, comprising persons qualified as experts in migratory shark conservation science and management. The tasks of the Advisory Committee will be defined by the MOS and should include: ...

### **Concerning Cooperating Partners**

30. Non-Range states, inter-governmental and international and national non-governmental organizations, or other relevant bodies and entities may associate themselves with this Memorandum of Understanding through their signatures as cooperating partners, after having being invited to sign to it on the basis of a decision by the Signatories, in particular with respect to the implementation of the Conservation Plan.