**SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR**
**THE HAWKSBILL TURTLE (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)**
**IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC OCEAN REGION**

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*(Prepared by the Aquatic Working Group and the COW)*

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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*Noting* that the Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) was listed on CMS Appendix II in 1979 and Appendix I in 1985,

*Concerned* that the Hawksbill Turtle has been assessed for *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* in 2008 as Critically Endangered (CR), and the population trend was assessed as decreasing, raising serious concerns about the viability of a number of populations given ongoing high threat levels,

*Welcoming* the two recent scientific assessments of the conservation status of Hawksbill Turtles in the Indian Ocean South-East Asia Region prepared under the leadership of the Advisory Committee of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU), and in the Western Pacific Ocean Region, published as CMS Technical Series No. 45,

*Noting* that use and trade were identified as key threats to Hawksbill Turtles in the South-East Asia and Western Pacific Ocean Region in the abovementioned scientific assessments,

*Recognizing* that there are complex linkages between community and commercial use, and that use at the domestic and international levels need to be addressed in conjunction,

*Recognizing* the support of civil society and others in the implementation of COP mandates related to Hawksbill Turtles, assisting governments in implementing coherent conservation measures addressing their use and trade,

*Affirming* the need to address these issues in close collaboration with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) as well as other relevant partners, such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP),

*Noting* that CITES Resolution Conf.19.5 welcomed this Single Species Action Plan (SSAP) and recommended numerous measures in line with those outlined in it,

*Also noting* the SPREP Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme 2022-2026, which likewise recommends numerous measures in line with those outlined in this SSAP,

*Recognizing* the primary responsibility of the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU for the conservation of marine turtles in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia region and for the implementation of this SSAP,

*Recognizing* that the actions contained in this SSAP may be relevant for other regions outside of its geographic scope, such as the area covered by the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC),

*Welcoming* the opportunity to foster close collaboration between the Convention and the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU*,*

*The Conference of the Parties to the*

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Adopts* the Single Species Action Plan for the Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) in South-East Asia and the Western Pacific Ocean Region, as adopted by four Range States on 2 June 2022 and contained in the Annex;
2. *Urges* Parties in the area covered by the Single Species Action Plan (SSAP) to urgently undertake actions to implement its provisions;
3. *Invites* non-Party Range States to adopt the Action Plan;
4. *Encourages* Parties and non-Party Range States to provide technical and/or financial support to activities outlined in the Action Plan, as appropriate;
5. *Invites*  the governing bodies and Secretariats of other intergovernmental agreements and programmes, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), as well as, insofar as relevant the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), to take into account the provisions of the Action Plan in the consideration of their activities and to support implementation of relevant Action Plan activities that fall within their mandate, as appropriate; and
6. *Instructs* the Secretariat to bring the Action Plan to the attention of all Range States and relevant intergovernmental organizations and to monitor the implementation of the Action Plan.

DRAFT DECISIONS

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***Directed to Parties that are Range States to the Single Species Action Plan (SSAP)***

14.AA Parties that are Range States to the SSAP are requested to:

1. As foreseen in CMS/IOSEA/Hawksbill-SSAP/Doc.8 *Suggestions for a Governance Structure to Support the Implementation of the Single Species Action Plan*,
	* 1. nominate one national government representative (Focal Point) and one national expert per Range State to serve on the Steering Group, and support activities of the Steering Group, in particular by providing regular reports on implementation of the SSAP;
		2. establish National Working Groups consisting of National Focal Points, local stakeholders and scientists, particularly those who would be involved to implement actions;
		3. develop a national work plan focusing on priority actions relevant to their country or territory;
2. address, as a matter of priority, subject to the availability of resources, essential and high priority SSAP actions as soon as possible, and take into account relevant medium-priority actions in national planning;
3. actively encourage non-Party Range States to adopt the SSAP for their use.

***Directed to non-Party Range States of the SSAP***

14.BB Non-Party Range States of the SSAP are encouraged to:

1. adopt the SSAP;
2. once the SSAP is adopted,
	* 1. nominate one national government representative (Focal Point) and one national expert per Range State to serve on the Steering Group;
		2. establish National Working Groups consisting of National Focal Points, local stakeholders and scientists, particularly those who would be involved to implement actions;
		3. urgently implement actions for immediate implementation and for delivery within three years, and start implementation of those to be addressed within five years.

***Directed to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations***

14.CC Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical support for the implementation of the SSAP.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

14.DD The Scientific Council is requested to:

1. consider the report received from the Steering Group on implementation of the Action Plan, as foreseen in CMS/IOSEA/Hawksbill-SSAP/Doc.8;
2. provide guidance on the further implementation of the Action Plan to COP15.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.EE The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources:

1. encourage non-Party Range States to adopt the Action Plan for their use;
2. support States that have adopted the Action Plan in its implementation by facilitating meetings of the Steering Group;
3. develop a reporting form enabling the Steering Group of the Action Plan and the Scientific Council to assess progress in the implementation of the Action Plan;
4. prepare a report to the Scientific Council at the 8th meeting of the Sessional Committee and COP15 on progress in implementing the Action Plan.