



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON THE CONSERVATION AND  
MANAGEMENT OF MARINE TURTLES  
AND THEIR HABITATS OF THE INDIAN  
OCEAN AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

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8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SIGNATORY STATES

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Agenda Item 8.1

**SYNTHESIS OF EXISTING RECOMMENDATIONS:  
SOUTH-EAST ASIA+ (SEA+) SUB-REGION**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

Action Requested:

- Take note of the existing recommendations for the SEA+ sub-region;
- Consider relevance of recommendations for the development of the IOSEA Work Programme

**Synthesis of existing recommendations specific to SEA+ sub-region or arising from the sub-regional discussions**

| <b>Recommendation</b>  | <b>Lead/<br/>responsible</b>               | <b>Source</b>  | <b>CMP<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Subject</b>                            | <b>Notes/priority<br/>level if known</b>            |
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| 1. Request each SEA+ country to identify the genetic gaps, beginning with nesting beach related genetics. SEA+ countries will, where possible, make a priority to conduct genetic assessments on fisheries bycatch and illegal trade seizures. SEA+ countries will try to submit haplotype information to genetic banks; AC can facilitate making this information available. SEA+ countries will endeavor to share sequenced data, particularly for hawksbill genetics. | Signatories,<br>AC                         | IOSEA MOS7<br>report, summary of<br>SEA+ working<br>group discussions  | 3                      | Genetics                                  |   |
| 2. Engage SEA+ non-Signatory States (e.g., China, Korea, Timor Leste, and Japan) to sign the IOSEA MOU. Signatory States to engage them at relevant fora to encourage them to attend the IOSEA MOU meetings and related events, as appropriate.  | Secretariat,<br>Signatory<br>States (SEA+) | Action Points of<br>MOS7, and<br>Summary of SEA+<br>working group<br>discussions,<br>IOSEA MOS7<br>report    | 6.1a                   | Recruitment of<br>New Signatory<br>States |   |
| 3. SEA+ recommends that the next species assessment is hawksbill   | Advisory<br>Committee,<br>Secretariat      | IOSEA MOS7<br>report, summary of<br>SEA+ working<br>group discussions  | 3                      | Species:<br>Hawksbills                    |   |
| 4. Australia/Indonesia/PNG/USA work together to develop proposal to address the threats to hawksbills on key foraging grounds in range states  |  | IOSEA MOS7<br>report, summary of<br>SEA+ working<br>group discussions  | 1, 2,<br>5             | Species:<br>Hawksbills                    |   |
| 5. Assess hatchery management practices in IOSEA, compile a training publication with best practices and organize a workshop to disseminate this information (see Provisional List of Project Concepts Resulting from the Updated (2012) Leatherback Assessment)   |  | Provisional List of<br>Project Concepts<br>Resulting from the<br>Updated (2012)<br>Leatherback<br>Assessment | 3.3                    | Species:<br>Leatherback                   | Particularly<br>relevant for<br>SEA+ sub-<br>region |

<sup>1</sup> Corresponding Objective and/or Programme of the Conservation and Management Plan of the MOU

| Recommendation  | Lead/<br>responsible                              | Source  | CMP <sup>1</sup> | Subject                   | Notes/priority<br>level if known |
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| 6. Engage with local environmental agencies and NGOs through an expert-directed workshop to document and address threats to Leatherbacks, nesting along the Indian Ocean margin of southern Indonesia (see Provisional List of Project Concepts Resulting from the Updated (2012) Leatherback Assessment)   |   | Provisional List of Project Concepts Resulting from the Updated (2012) Leatherback Assessment | 1.1              | Species:<br>Leatherback   |                                  |
| 7. Request the Secretariat to facilitate an intersessional discussion amongst the SEA+ to determine the scope of a regional workshop to synthesize existing information in the region and identify gaps   | Secretariat upon request of Signatory States      | IOSEA MOS7 report, summary of SEA+ working group discussions                                  | 5                | Sub-regional Coordination |                                  |
| 8. Based on the result of the outcome of the aforementioned discussion, SEA+ will request the Secretariat and the AC to assist SEA+ to synthesize the existing projects, relevant MEA annual reports (e.g. IOSEA, CMS, ASEAN/SEAFDEC, etc), donor projects, literature in SEA+ to facilitate a regional workshop.   | AC, Secretariat, SEA+ Signatory States            | IOSEA MOS7 report, summary of SEA+ working group discussions                                  | 5                | Sub-regional Coordination |                                  |
| 9. Assess and advise on hatchery management practice (e.g. Maldives and Sri Lanka) and assess hawksbill hatchery production success in Indonesia and Philippines, as appropriate  | Advisory Committee, Signatory States              | MOS 7 report, Action Points of MOS7   | 3.3c             | Sub-regional Coordination |                                  |
| 10. Facilitate an intersessional discussion among SEA+ countries to determine the scope of a regional workshop to synthesize existing regional information and identify gaps. Secretariat, Advisory Committee to assist SEA+ members to synthesize information from existing projects, reports, literature (e.g. of IOSEA, CMS, ASEAN/SEAFDEC, etc.) as inputs to the workshop. | Secretariat, Signatory States, Advisory Committee | MOS 7 report, Action Points of MOS7   | 5                | Sub-regional Coordination |                                  |
| 11. Consider hosting and organising a SEA+ sub-regional meeting, upon written request from the Secretariat. Thailand to consider providing support for ASEAN countries.   | Signatory State (Thailand), Secretariat           | MOS 7 report, Action Points of MOS7   | 5.3              | Sub-regional Coordination |                                  |