



# Convention on Migratory Species

## Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region

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## PACIFIC CETACEAN MOU NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FORMAT

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

1. Paragraph 8 of the Pacific Islands Cetaceans Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) states that Signatories will provide regular reports on their implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the periodicity of which will be determined at a meeting of the signatories.
2. As reported to the first Meeting of the Signatories the MoU (UNEP/CMS/PIC-1/8) the CMS Secretariat develops comprehensive report formats for all agreements negotiated under CMS auspices. These report formats provide a basis to make Signatory reports both consistent and information-rich, while making the information provided amenable to synthesis and analysis for the Secretariat's Overview Report.
3. The Secretariat's Overview Report is typically compiled and presented as a tabular summary for the benefit of the Range States and Territories and the particular research and conservation community involved with the target species.
4. Individual responses are presented as a compendium for information purposes. It is hoped that a tabular summary of project activities will provide the basis for the MoU Signatories and the Pacific cetacean research and conservation community to better coordinate their activities and to develop a sense of partnership working together to contribute to the implementation of the MoU and Action Plan.
5. If a coordinator is identified and funded for the MoU (see agenda item 3.3) the tabular summary could be maintained on a regular basis and made available to the Signatories and the research and conservation community. An alternative to this would be to request that the coordinator of the Technical Advisory Group (see agenda item 6.2) provides this function.
6. The intention will be to migrate the reporting format to an on-line environment, modeled on the system already in place for CMS's Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia Marine Turtles MoU (IOSEA): < <http://www.ioseaturtles.org/report.php> >. This will allow project leaders to directly supply and update information on a rolling basis.
7. A draft reporting format is attached as Annex A to this document. This is an adaptation of what was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (Bonn, November 2007) for mandatory use by Parties, for National Reports submitted to the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) (Rome, 2008). The version represented in Annex A has been amended to specifically represent Signatory implementation of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU.

### **Action requested:**

The Signatories, and where appropriate other meeting participants, are requested to *inter alia*:

- Seek any clarification that might be necessary;
- Discuss the report format proposed by the Secretariat and agree on any changes desired;
- Instruct the Secretariat to collate, maintain and distribute as a tabular summary the regular reports collected from Signatories, and consider if the Technical Advisory Group might support the Secretariat with this function
- Adopt the report format