



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

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4th Meeting of the Signatories (Sharks MOS4)
Bonn, 28 February – 2 March 2023
Agenda Item 4

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Time	Tuesday 28 Feb 2023			Wednesday 1 March 2023			Thursday 2 March 2023		
08:00	8:00 - 9:00 On-site Registration			8:00 - 9:00 On-site Registration			8:00 - 9:00 On-site Registration		
08:30	<i>Please bring an official ID or Passport to enter the UN Campus</i>			<i>Please bring an official ID or Passport to enter the UN</i>			<i>Please bring an official ID or Passport to enter the UN</i>		
09:00	9:00 - 12:15			9:00 - 12:15			9:00 - 12:15		
09:30	1. Opening 2. Rules of Procedure			5. Credentials Committee 8. National Reporting			Continuation of discussions: - Revisiting open agenda items - Reports from Working Groups - Decisions		
10:00	3. Election of Officers 4. Agenda and Schedule			10. Conservation Measures			9. Amendment of Annex 1 (revisit) 10. Conservation Measures (revisit) 11. Capacity Building (revisited)		
10:30	5. Credentials Committee 6. Admission Observers			15 minutes coffee break (time TBD)			12. Programme of Work (revisit) 14. Administrative and Budgetary Matters (revisit)		
11:00	7. Reports 9. Amendment of Annex 1								
11:30	15 minutes coffee break (time TBD)								
12:00									
12:15-14:15	12:15-14:15		12:15-14:15	12:15-14:15		12:15-14:15	12:15-14:15		12:15-14:15
12:30	Lunch	12:30-13:15 Side Event	Working Groups (TBD)	Lunch	12:30-13:15 Side Event	Working Groups (TBD)	Lunch	12:30-13:15 Side Event	Working Groups (TBD)
13:00									
13:30									
14:00	14:45 - 17:30			14:15 - 17:30			14:15 - 17:30		
14:30	13. Advisory Committee			10. Conservation Measures (continuation) 13. Advisory Committee (revisit)			15. Date and Venue of Next Meeting 16. AOB 17. Closure		
15:00	11. Capacity Building 12. Programme of Work			15 minutes coffee break (time TBD)			15 minutes coffee break (time TBD)		
15:30	14. Administrative and Budgetary Matters								
16:00	15 minutes coffee break (time TBD)								
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18:00	17:45 - 18:30 Side Event	17:45 - 18:30 Working Groups (TBD)		17:45 - 18:30 Side Event		17:45 - 21:00 Working Groups (TBD)			
18:30									
19:00	19:00 Reception								
19:30									
20:00									
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Registration		
1. Opening of the Meeting		
Welcoming addresses:	No document	
The Secretariat will preside over the meeting until officers are elected.		
2. Rules of Procedure		
The Secretariat will introduce document 2.1 “Rules of Procedure”, agreed at MOS2 for adoption at MOS4, in accordance with paragraph 21 of the MOU. Rule 12 on “Quorum” and Rule 15 on “Decision Making” remain with options in brackets. Regarding “Decision Making”, the Secretariat proposes that MOS4 be guided by Paragraph 18 of the MOU (Inf.3). Regarding the “Quorum”, the Secretariat proposes that MOS4 be guided by Rule 30 of the ROP adopted at MOS1.	Doc.2.1 Inf.3	Note the Rules of Procedure in Doc.2.1/ <u>Annex</u> , which apply until such time as they are amended, or new rules are adopted. Agree that the text quoted in paragraphs 2 and 3 in Doc.2.1 will apply to this meeting, in lieu of the bracketed text in Rules 12 and 15.
3. Election of Officers		
Signatories will elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Meeting from amongst the Signatories in attendance in accordance with rule 10 of the ROP. In doing so, Signatories should take into consideration appropriate geographic balance.	No document	Elect Chair & Vice-Chair of the Meeting from amongst the Signatories in attendance.
4. Agenda and Schedule		
4.1 Provisional Agenda and List of Documents		
The Secretariat will introduce the “Provisional Agenda and List of Documents”.	Doc.4.1/Rev.3	Review and adopt the Agenda and Meeting Schedule.
4.2 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule		
The Secretariat will introduce the “Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule”.	Doc.4.2/Rev.1	
5. Credentials Committee		
Signatories are requested to establish a Credentials Committee in accordance with rule 8 (4) of the ROP, which should be composed of at least one Signatory of each region present. It will validate the supplied credentials and, in consultation with the Secretariat and Chair or Vice-Chair, will report to the MOS on the results of the assessment of the Credential Committee for final approval. Pending a decision approving	No document	Establish a Credentials Committee comprising one representative from each region (Africa; Asia; North America; Europe; Oceania; and South & Central America & the Caribbean).

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their credentials, delegates may participate in the meeting but not in decision making.		
6. Admission of Observers		
The Meeting will be invited to admit representatives from non-Signatory Range States, IGOs, and international and national NGOs as observers in accordance with rule 6(1) of the ROP . Document 6.1 includes a list of observers that have registered by 15 November 2022.	Doc.6.1	Take note of the list of observers, registered to attend this meeting.
7. Reports on Implementation		
7.1 Report of the Secretariat		
The Secretariat will report on developments and activities since MOS3.	Doc.7.1	Take note of the report of the Secretariat and provide guidance.
7.2 Reports of Signatories		
National reports of Signatories have been published on the meeting website. It is not envisaged to have comprehensive presentations of national activities. However, any Signatories that have news they would like to share at this point in the meeting are invited to do so.	See national reports	Note the reports.
7.3 Report of the Advisory Committee		
The Chair of the Advisory Committee (AC) will introduce document 7.3 "Report of the AC".	Doc.7.3 Inf.4 Inf.7 Inf.8 Inf.9 Inf.10	Note the report of the Advisory Committee and to provide guidance.
7.4 Reports of Cooperating Partners		
Any Cooperating Partners that have news they would like to share at this point in the meeting are invited to do so very briefly .	No document	
8. National Reporting		
8.1 Analysis of National Reports		
The Secretariat will introduce document 8.1 which includes an analysis of national reports submitted by Signatories.	Doc.8.1	Take note of the analysis of National Reports, contained in Doc.8.1/ Annex 1 . Take note of the overview of Signatories that are Range States for each of the species listed in Annex 1 of the

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		<p>MOU in accordance with paragraph 3(l) of the MOU, contained in Doc.8.1/Annex 2.</p> <p>Provide guidance to the Secretariat on future reporting.</p>
9. Proposals to amend the MOU including its Annexes		
9.1 Amendment of Annex 1 of the Sharks MOU		
<p>The Secretariat will introduce a proposal for the inclusion of one species in Annex 1 of the MOU. The species concerned has been newly listed in CMS Appendices at CMS COP13 in 2020. It is presented for consideration in accordance with MOS1 Outcome 1.4.</p>	<p>Doc.9.1 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.10</p>	<p>Review the proposal for the amendment to Annex 1 presented as document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.10.</p> <p>Take note of the recommendations and comments provided by the Advisory Committee in their assessment of the listing proposal presented as document Doc.9.1.1.</p>
9.1.1 Assessment of the proposal for the inclusion of the Tope Shark (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>) in Annex 1 of the MOU		
<p>The AC will present the assessment of the proposal.</p>	<p>Doc.9.1.1</p>	<p>Decide by consensus on the inclusion of the proposed species in Annex 1 of the MOU.</p> <p>Note the information included in the updated assessment, provided in Doc.9.1.1/Annex 1.</p> <p>Note the previous assessment of the proposal, provided in Doc.9.1.1/Annex 2.</p> <p>Consider the findings of the Advisory Committee when taking a decision on the inclusion of Tope Shark (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>) in Annex 1 of the MOU.</p>
10. Conservation Measures (incl. Habitat, Species, Threats)		
10.1 Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea		
<p>The AC will introduce document 10.1 “Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea”.</p>	<p>Doc.10.1</p>	<p>Take note of the Draft Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea (Doc.10.1/Annex 1).</p> <p>Review the draft decisions as presented in Doc.10.1/Annex 2 and agree a final version.</p> <p>Review the draft activities to support the implementation of the Action Plan as presented in Doc.10.1/Annex 3 and agree to implement the SSAP Angelshark Med in the Programme of Work 2023-2025.</p>

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<p>10.2 Development of a conservation strategy and action plans for pelagic sharks and rays</p>	<p>Doc.10.2 Inf.6</p>	<p>Review the draft decision as presented in Doc.10.2/Annex 1 and agree a final version.</p>
<p>The AC will introduce document 10.2 on “Development of a conservation strategy and action plans for pelagic sharks and rays”.</p>		<p>Review the draft activities presented in Doc.10.2/Annex 2 and consider including them in the Programme of Work 2023 – 2025.</p>
<p>10.3 Development of a conservation strategy and action plans for rhino rays</p>	<p>Doc.10.3</p>	<p>Review the draft decision as presented in Doc.10.3/Annex 1 and agree a final version.</p>
<p>The AC will introduce document 10.3 on “Development of a conservation strategy and action plans for rhino rays”.</p>		<p>Review the draft activities as suggested in Doc.10.3/Annex 2 and consider including them in the Programme of Work 2023-2025.</p>
<p>10.4 Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs)</p>	<p>Doc.10.4 Inf.5</p>	<p>Take note of the criteria and process to identify ISRAs, presented in Doc.10.4/Annex 1.</p>
<p>The AC will introduce document 10.4 on “Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs)”.</p>		<p>Review the draft decisions related to the ISRA Initiative, presented in Doc.10.4/Annex 2, and agree a final version.</p>
<p>Review and the draft activities to be included in the Programme of Work 2023- 2025, to support the ISRA initiative, presented in Doc.10.4/Annex 3.</p>		
<p>10.5 Regional prioritization of shark and ray species listed in Sharks MOU Annex 1 and CMS Appendices</p>	<p>Doc.10.5</p>	<p>Note the methodology presented in Doc.10.5/Annex 1.</p>
<p>The AC will introduce document 10.5 on “Regional prioritization of shark and ray species listed in Sharks MOU Annex 1 and CMS Appendices”.</p>		<p>Note the results of the two case studies presented in Doc.10.5/Annex 2.</p>
		<p>Review and agree on a final version of Draft Decisions to the Meeting in Doc.10.5/Annex 3.</p>
		<p>Review and agree on activities as suggested in Doc.10.5/Annex 4 and consider including those in the Programme of Work (2023-2025).</p>
<p>10.6 Improving reporting of landings data for species listed in Annex 1 of the Sharks MOU</p>	<p>Doc.10.6</p>	<p>Take note of the analysis provided in Doc.10.6/Annex 1 and provide comments.</p>
<p>Ms. Maria Pozo-Montoro (invited expert) will introduce document 10.6 on “Improving reporting of landings data for species listed in Annex 1 of the Sharks MOU”.</p>		<p>Review and discuss draft Outcome in Doc.10.6/Annex 2 and agree on final “Recommendations to Signatories to improve reporting of landings data for species listed</p>

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		<p>in Annex 1 of the Sharks MOU” from this meeting.</p> <p>Review the draft decisions as presented in Doc.10.6/<u>Annex 3</u> and agree a final version.</p> <p>Review the draft activities as suggested in Doc.10.6/<u>Annex 4</u> and consider including them in the Programme of Work 2023-2025.</p>
<p>10.7 Reviewing fisheries-induced mortality of shark and ray species listed in Sharks MOU Annex 1 and CMS Appendices</p> <p>The AC will introduce document 10.7 on “Reviewing fisheries-induced mortality of shark and ray species listed in Sharks MOU Annex 1 and CMS Appendices”.</p>	<p>Doc.10.7</p>	<p>Take note of the CMS COP13 Decisions and agree to support CMS on their implementation.</p> <p>Review the draft decisions as presented in Doc.10.7/<u>Annex 1</u> and agree a final version.</p> <p>Review the draft activities as suggested in Doc.10.7/<u>Annex 2</u> and consider including them in the Programme of Work 2023-2025.</p>
11. Capacity Building		
<p>11.1 Implementation and review of the capacity-building programme</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document 11.1 on the “Implementation and review of the capacity-building programme”.</p>	<p>Doc.11.1 Inf.4 Inf.7 Inf.8 Inf.9 Inf.10</p>	<p>Take note of the report and review and provide guidance.</p>
<p>11.2 Global compendium of the conservation status and management measures of sharks</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document 11.2 on the “Global compendium of the conservation status and management measures of sharks” proposed by the EU.</p>	<p>Doc.11.2</p>	<p>Review and discuss the proposal by the EU to request the Secretariat to establish a global compendium of the conservation status and management of sharks.</p> <p>Take note of the comments provided by the Secretariat in Doc.11.2/<u>Annex</u>.</p> <p>Establish an in-session Working Group tasked with developing a budgeted project document to develop a “Global compendium of conservation status and management measures of sharks” to be included in Outcome from this meeting.</p> <p>Consider including the implementation of the project in the Programme of Work 2023-2025 also discussed</p>

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		<p>under agenda item 12.</p> <p>In case the in-session Working Group requires more time to finish its work, consider establishing an intersessional Working Group (IWG) to finalize the project document after MOS4 and develop Terms of Reference for this IWG during MOS4.</p>
12. Programme of work		
<p>12.1 Draft Programme of Work 2023-2025</p> <p>Draft Programme of Work (2023-2025) to support the Implementation of the Sharks MOU.</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document 12.1, which contains a “Draft Programme of Work (POW) 2023-2025” in Annex 1. The draft POW 2023-2025 aims to provide guidance to the Signatories, Advisory Committee, Secretariat and Cooperating Partners on the implementation of the MOU during the next triennium.</p>	<p>Doc.12.1</p>	<p>Review the draft POW in Doc.12.1/Annex, make changes as required, complete the POW based on activities agreed under agenda items 10, 11, and 14, and adopt the new POW for the triennium 2023-2025.</p>
<p>12.2 Report on the implementation of the Programme of Work (2019-2021)</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document 12.2 the “report on the implementation of the Programme of Work (2019-2021).</p>	<p>Doc.12.2</p>	<p>Take note of the report and provide guidance.</p>
13. Advisory Committee		
<p>13.1 Composition of the Advisory Committee</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document 13.1 on the “Composition of the Advisory Committee”.</p>	<p>Doc.13.1</p>	<p>Appoint new members to the AC in accordance with the parameters outlined in Doc.13.1 paragraph 5. In doing so, Signatories should be mindful of the required expertise, as outlined in paragraph 6 of the TOR, i.e. members should be “qualified as experts in migratory shark conservation, science and management”. In appointing the Advisory Committee, Signatories should strive to achieve a balance among the areas of expertise.</p>
14. Administrative and Budgetary Matters		
<p>14.1 Report on the implementation of the budget for the triennium 2019-2021</p>	<p>Doc.14.1</p>	<p>Take note of the report on the implementation of the budget.</p>

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The Secretariat will introduce its report on the performance and implementation of the CMS Sharks MOU budget for the triennium 2019-2021.		Provide any guidance to the Secretariat as necessary.
<p>14.2 Proposed budget for the triennium 2023-2025</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce its proposal for resourcing the Secretariat in accordance with Section 5 of the MOU. Three budget scenarios, aimed at providing adequate and predictable resources for the MOU and suggestions to provide the Secretariat with financial security are presented.</p>	Doc.14.2	<p>Review the budget scenarios presented in Doc.14.2/Annexes 1-3, also taking into account discussions under agenda items 10, 11, and 12, and adopt a budget for 2023-2025.</p> <p>Adopt the Indicative Scale of Contributions in Doc.14.2/Annex 4.</p> <p>Adopt revised Terms of Reference for the Trust Fund, presented in Doc.14.2/Annex 5, and request the UNEP Executive Director to extend the Trust Fund for a further three years.</p>
<p>15. Date and Venue of the next Meeting</p> <p>Signatories are invited to set a date for MOS5 and to offer to host the meeting.</p>	No document	Set a tentative date for MOS5 and consider hosting the Meeting.
16. Any other Business	No document	
17. Closure of the Meeting	No document	