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Proposals for Concerted Actions

CMS COP12 Regional Preparatory Workshop for Asia

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Concerted Action

- mechanism under CMS identifying species listed on Appendix I of the Convention deserving of special attention;
- COP12 – triennium 2018-2020 – **8 proposals** for concerted actions;
- European Eel; Eastern Tropical Pacific Sperm Whales; Atlantic Humpback Dolphin; Angelshark; Whale shark; Mobulid Rays; Arabian Sea Humpback Whales; Asian Great Bustard.



Concerted Action for the Arabian Sea Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.26.2.4

- Submitted by the appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals
- Confirmed range states: India; Islamic Republic of Iran; Iraq; Kuwait; Sultanate of Oman; Pakistan; Qatar; Sri Lanka; United Arab Emirates; Yemen
- Possible additional range states: Bahrain, Maldives, Somalia, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Activities and Outcomes

- Addressing knowledge gaps
- Information sharing and awareness raising
- Capacity building and development and implementation of mitigation strategies



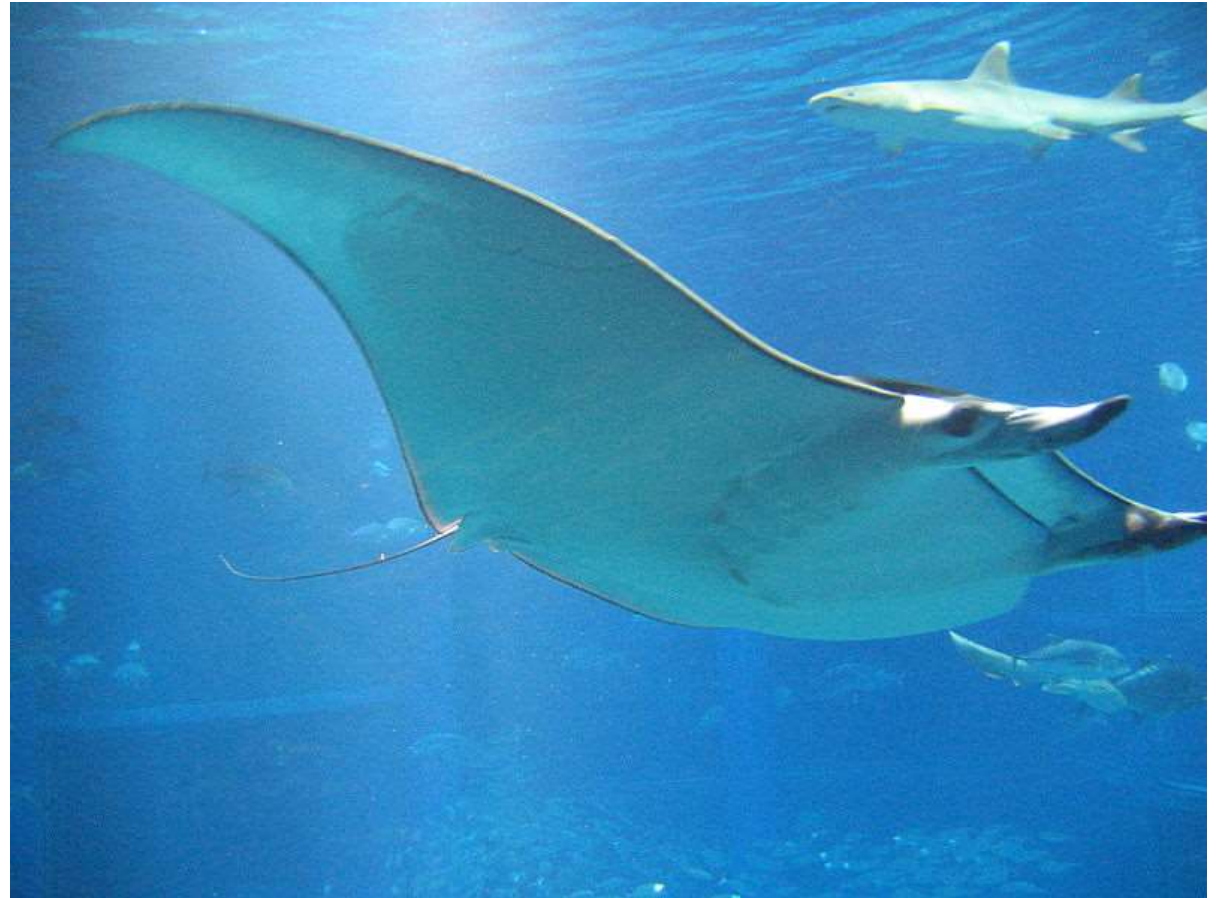
- Active regional network with multi-stakeholder participation
- Open-access online data platform + data
- Increased awareness (especially fishing sector)
- Improved research capacity in ASWN member states



Concerted Action for the Mobulid Rays (*Mobulidae*)

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.26.2.6

- Submitted by the Manta Trust, together with the Wildlife Conservation Society
- 10 species
- worldwide distributions in the tropical and temperate waters of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans



Activities and Outcomes

- Review the Conservation Strategy for Devil and Manta Rays
- Work with fishing communities => alternative livelihoods
- Work with communities and fishers to address bycatch
- Monitor and evaluate interventions



- Knowledge is generated, populations maintained/recovered, educated communities support conservation



Concerted Action for the Whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*)

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.26.2.7

- Submitted by the Government of the Philippines
- Distribution through all tropical and warm temperate seas, apart from the Mediterranean



Activities

- Research and Monitoring
- Unified Tourism Guidelines
- Increase onboard observers
- Engage non-CMS Range States
- Legislation, Policy and Management
- External threats (climate change/waste management)



Concerted Action for the Asian Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*)

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.26.2.8

- Submitted by the Government of Mongolia, with the Eurasian Bustard Alliance and the Wildlife Research and Conservation Center of Mongolia
- In Asia, population of 2,000-3,500.
- Will be implemented in Iran (Islamic Republic Of), Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan (*CMS Parties*), Turkmenistan, China and the Russian Federation (*Non-Parties*).



Activities and Outcomes

- Main activity - update the existing Action Plan dating from 1998 and produce a revised, updated version ready for adoption at COP13
- Other activities include community engagement, law enforcement, new/enlarged protected areas, research, etc.



- Improved knowledge on the status of the Asian Great Bustard -
Established network of experts across the region - Better understanding of threats - Transboundary cooperation - Population decline stopped and reversed

