



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

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**PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ANNEX 1 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. In accordance with paragraph 20 of the MOU, any amendments to Annex 1 should be assessed by the Signatories at each session of the Meeting of the Signatories.
2. As agreed at the First Meeting of the Signatories to the Sharks MOU (MOS1), any shark and ray species listed on the CMS Appendices will automatically be considered by the Advisory Committee as a proposed listing for Annex 1 of the MOU (CMS/Sharks/Outcome 1.4 – Modifying the species list).
3. At the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP10), the giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) was included in Appendices I and II of the Convention.
4. At COP11, the reef manta ray (*Manta alfredi*), all nine species of mobula rays (*Mobula* spp) and all five species of sawfishes (Pristidae spp) were added to CMS Appendices I and II, while the great hammerhead shark (*Sphyrna mokarran*), the scalloped hammerhead shark (*Sphyrna lewini*), all three species of thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp) and the silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) were added to CMS Appendix II.
5. Following the agreed procedure, the Secretariat transmitted all original proposals for the inclusion of shark and ray species in CMS Appendices in the form in which they were submitted to COP10 and COP11 to the Advisory Committee for review. The Committee's assessments are presented as documents CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10-8.2.18.
6. As further agreed, all proposals were submitted in their original form to this Meeting for consideration by the Signatories within the 150 day deadline before the meeting as documents CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.2-8.2.9. The Signatories were subsequently invited to provide any comments on the text to the Secretariat at least 60 days before the meeting. Within this consultation period no comments have been received.

7. The following table provides an overview of the species proposed for inclusion in Annex 1, their status in the CMS Appendices, the original proponents and related meeting documents:

Species	Included in CMS Appendices	Original Proponent	Related Documents
Sawfishes (Family Pristidae) <i>Anoxypristis cuspidate</i> <i>Pristis clavata</i> <i>Pristis pectinata</i> <i>Pristis zijsron</i> <i>Pristis pristis</i>	App I App II	Kenya	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.2 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 1
Reef Manta Ray <i>Manta alfredi</i>	App I App II	Fiji	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.3 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 2
Giant Manta Ray <i>Manta birostris</i>	App I App II	Ecuador	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.4 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 3
Mobula Rays (Genus <i>Mobula</i>) <i>Mobula mobular</i> <i>Mobula japonica</i> <i>Mobula thurstoni</i> <i>Mobula tarapacana</i> <i>Mobula eregoodootenkee</i> <i>Mobula kuhlii</i> <i>Mobula hypostoma</i> <i>Mobula rochebrunei</i> <i>Mobula munkiana</i>	App I App II	Fiji	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.5 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 4
Silky Shark <i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	App II	Egypt	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.6 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 5
Great Hammerhead Shark <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	App II	Costa Rica, Ecuador	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.7 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 6
Scalloped Hammerhead Shark <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	App II	Costa Rica, Ecuador	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.8 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 7
Thresher Sharks <i>Alopias superciliosus</i> <i>Alopias vulpinus</i> <i>Alopias pelagicus</i>	App II	EU	CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.9 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.8.2.10/Annex 8

Action requested:

The Signatories are invited to:

- (a) review and consider the proposals for amendments to Annex 1 presented as documents CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc. 8.2.2 to 8.2.9 for adoption;
- (b) take note of the recommendations from the Advisory Committee presented as document CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc. 8.2.10;