





CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INTERIM SECRETARIAT

Adopted by the Meeting of Parties at its First Meeting (Bonn, 24-27 September 2012)

In accordance with Section 8 of the MoU, and under the guidance of the Signatories and subject to available finances, the Interim Secretariat will undertake the following tasks:

1. Organise meetings of the Signatories.

2. Facilitate and promote implementation of co-operative activities by the Signatory States.

3. Liaise with the CMS Secretariat and its marine species Agreements and MoUs, in order to identify synergies which could assist in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

4. Consult and share information with intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations, including; FAO, relevant RFMOs, CITES, CBD, Regional Seas Conventions, stakeholders of the fishing industry and local communities, and other relevant international organizations to assist in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Encourage non-Signatory Range States, particularly those identified as major shark fishing nations, to become signatories to the Memorandum or to cooperate in its activities.

6. Encourage non-range States, intergovernmental and international and national nongovernmental organizations or other relevant bodies and entities to sign the MoU as cooperating partners, and establish a working relationship with such partners.

7. Communicate the progress made in implementing the Memorandum, to the signatories and other relevant organizations and entities.

8. Undertake public awareness-raising activities.

9. Support Signatories in search of financial resources to implement this agreement.

10. Perform other such functions as may be entrusted to it by the Signatories.