

Schedule of MOS2 Side Events (as of 8 February 2016)				
Day and time	Title	Summary	Promoting Organization(s)	Room
Monday 15				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch will be provided at the hotel by the government of Costa Rica		
13:30	Global Shark Conservation Strategy and Priorities for CMS Parties	Launch of a global ten-year conservation strategy for sharks and rays with highlights of priority needs and recommendations for actions by and through CMS and the CMS Sharks MOU	Shark Advocates International, Shark Trust, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and IUCN Shark Specialist Group	Aqua Room
18:30	Welcome reception hosted by the Government of Costa Rica			Venue to be announced.
Tuesday 16				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch will be provided at the hotel by the government of Costa Rica		
13:30	Traceability in Shark Products	The CITES Secretariat commissioned two studies on traceability of CITES listed sharks. Both documents emphasised the need to tie a traceability system to a legal origination process, ideally a catch documentation scheme. This contribution details the traceability recommendations from the traceability study commissioned by the Secretariat, a comparison to the system used for medium-sized and industrial fleets in Costa Rica and results of the multi-stakeholder proof of concept pilot.	CITES Secretariat	Aqua Room
13:30	Threat and Conservation of sharks, skates and rays in german waters of the North and Baltic Seas	A research project of the University of Hamburg, funded by the Federal Agency of Nature Conservation, was started to provide insight into the occurrence, the habitat use and population structure of relevant chondrichthyan fishes from German waters of the North and Baltic Seas. Historic and current data from museum collections and literature, as well as data from current scientific surveys by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and national surveys of German authorities, were used to reconstruct former and display current situations. Habitat suitability models were developed based on ICES survey data in order to describe and predict habitat use of starry ray (<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>), the most abundant chondrichthyan fish species in the considered waters. The project is in its final stages and will combine the results to formulate possible conservation measures and advice to inform conservation policies.	University of Hamburg, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany	Green Room
18:00	Proposed Appendix II Shark and Ray listings at CITES COP17	The governments of the Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Fiji intend to co-host an evening event at the 2nd Meeting of the Signatories Sharks MOU in San Jose, Costa Rica, February 16, 2016. The event will allow the governments of Fiji, the Maldives, and Sri Lanka to raise awareness for their CITES Cop17 listing proposals of mobula rays, silky sharks, and thresher sharks, respectively. This side event is particularly relevant to the Sharks MOS2 meeting as each of these species was listed on CMS Appendix II in 2014. Everyone attending the Sharks MOS2 will be welcome to join the event.	Governments of Fiji, Maldives and Sri Lanka	Aqua Room
Wednesday 17				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch will be provided at the hotel by the government of Costa Rica		
13:30	Shark conservation actions in the Middle East: the latest initiatives from the UAE	This event will showcase some of the shark conservation actions that have been ongoing in the Middle East region over the last decade. The Convention on Migratory Species Sharks MOU Secretariat along with the International Fund for Animal Welfare will first provide an overview of steps undertaken to raise capacity in shark identification and conservation across the region, how stakeholders have been involved and present the outcomes. Finally, representatives from the government of the UAE will highlight how the UAE is taking a lead in the region and launching initiatives country wide, as well as present the main goals and objectives of their UAE National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks.	United Arab Emirates, International Fund for Animal Welfare	Aqua Room
13:30	tbc	tbc	Government of Costa Rica	Green Room
18:00	Pacific Voyage	Juney Ward - provide an overview of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the work carried out within the Pacific island region to protect and conserve iconic marine species such as sharks and rays. Dermott Keane (Palau delegate) - present on the shark sanctuary program in Palau. Eleni Tokadadua and Saras Sharma-Goundar (Fiji delegates) - present on the shark and ray conservation programs in Fiji	Pacific Island delegations in partnership with SPREP	Venue to be announced.
Thursday 18				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch will be provided at the hotel by the government of Costa Rica		
13:30	tbc	tbc	Government of Costa Rica	Aqua Room
13:30	Perspectivas globales y regionales para la conservación y manejo de tiburones migratorios.	Los tiburones recientemente adquirieron relevancia en temas de conservación y manejo de recursos marinos, no solo por su importancia en el funcionamiento de los ecosistemas, si no por su explotación desmedida que ha resultado en una alarmante disminución global de sus poblaciones. Su valor económico, biología reproductiva y naturaleza altamente migratoria, constituyen retos para la definición de políticas de conservación y manejo, particularmente en un contexto regional. Se urgirá a más países Parte de la CMS que poseen pesquerías a que sean signatarios del MoU Tiburones Migratorios. Además, se expondrá la situación del tiburón sedoso (<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>) en el Pacífico Tropical Oriental, y como una efectiva colaboración regional podría mejorar la gestión de la pesca en la región. Se espera mayor disposición de Partes a firmar el MoU, y mayor voluntad política para llevar a cabo acciones de conservación y manejo a favor del tiburón sedoso.	Pretoma, PEW	Aqua Room