



Memorandum of Understanding on the  
Conservation and Management of Dugongs  
and their Habitats throughout their Range

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## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## Agenda Items

### 1. Welcoming remarks

The meeting will be formally opened at the Galaxy Ball Room, Radisson Blu Hotel, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi at 9.00 on the morning of Monday, 4 October 2010, by representatives of the Government of United Arab Emirates and the CMS Secretariat.

### 2. Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding by additional States

The Memorandum of Understanding will be opened for signature by duly accredited representatives of additional States, during a short ceremony to be held immediately after the Welcoming Remarks, in order to allow them to participate in the meeting as *de facto* Signatory States.

### 3. Election of officers

The meeting will be invited to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the representatives of the Signatory States in attendance.

### 4. Adoption of the agenda, schedule and rules of procedure

The meeting will be invited to agree on the rules of procedure as presented verbally. The Meeting will be invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. The document list for the meeting will be introduced. A provisional list of participants will be circulated to collect any additional names/contact details.

### 5. Opening statements

It is not envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting; however representatives of Signatory States may wish to draw attention to any *written* statements submitted for the Meeting's consideration. Representatives of observer countries will be invited to inform the Meeting of their Governments' intentions vis-à-vis signature of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### 6. Presentation: Update on Global Status of Dugongs (Prof. Helene Marsh)

### 7. Report of the Secretariat

The Secretariat will report on developments since the Technical Workshop and Meeting to sign the Dugong MoU (Abu Dhabi, October 2007); and the Informal meeting of Signatory States to the CMS Dugong MoU (Bali, August 2008); with more detailed discussion expected under other agenda items.

#### 7.1. Establishment and Operations

7.1.1. Establishment of the Abu Dhabi Office

7.1.2. Finances – indicative budget and unofficial statement of expenditure

7.1.3. Voluntary Contributions – the meeting will be invited to discuss how to encourage voluntary contributions

7.1.4. Additional Sources of Funding– the meeting will be invited to provide guidance on seeking additional sources of funding for implementation of the CMP.

7.1.5. Work programme for 2011 & 2012 – the meeting is invited to agree a timetable for activities arising from the present meeting, including follow-up meetings at a sub-regional and regional level.

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### **7.2. MoU Implementation Activities**

- 7.2.1. Status of Signatures – the meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat’s report on the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Representatives from non-Signatory Countries and Territories eligible to sign the MoU will have an additional opportunity to inform the meeting of their country’s intention to sign the MoU. The meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership in the MoU.
- 7.2.2. Designated Competent Authorities and Contact Points – the meeting will be invited to consider a list of officially designated competent national authorities including Focal Points and other contact points from the Signatories and non-Signatory Countries and Territories.
- 7.2.3. Meetings and Other Activities
- 7.2.4. Communications

### **8. Small Scale Funding Programme**

The meeting is invited to comment on the draft rules, criteria and assessment process of the Small Scale Funding Programme.

### **9. Alliances, Synergies and Complementary Activities**

The meeting is invited to discuss the potential benefits of alliances, synergies and complementary activities between the Dugong MoU and other international and regional instruments and to give consideration to how the synergies of these instruments are considered and discussed in future meetings

### **10. Reporting Process for National Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan**

- 10.1. Consideration of the Need and Definitions of Sub-regional Groupings – the meeting is invited to indicate their preference for sub-regional groupings.
- 10.2. National Reports: Revision of draft template – the Secretariat will summarise the national and sub-regional reports. Signatories are invited to inform the meeting of progress made in the implementation of the MoU. The meeting will be invited to provide additional clarification or updates.

### **11. Standardised Dugong Catch/Incidental Catch Survey Tool**

- 11.1. Standardised Dugong Catch/Incidental Catch Survey Tool – the meeting is invited to note the Standardised Survey Tool and its application.
- 11.2. Reports from Sub-Regional Projects: South East Asia, Pacific, SWIO and NWIO – delegates are invited to provide updates on sub-regional technical meetings and application in range states, where appropriate.

### **12. Progressing Dugong Conservation**

The meeting is invited to consider advice provided by a technical panel of experts on novel and innovative approaches to progress dugong conservation.

- 12.1. Exercise: Reducing Risk to Dugongs (Prof. Helene Marsh and Dr. Alana Grech)
- 12.2. Report from the Technical Expert Group – Overview of Tools for Conservation (Mr. Simon Woodley)
- 12.3. Area Closures as a Tool for Dugong Conservation (Dr. Alana Grech)

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- 12.4. Presentation: Matching Tools to Conservation Problems (Dr. Chris Wilcox)
- 12.5. Presentation: Investments in Biodiversity Conservation (Dr. Josh Donlan)
- 12.6. Presentation: A Case Study – Addressing Fisheries Impacts & Lessons Learnt from Baha (Dr. Hoyt Peckham)
- 12.7. Exercise: Evaluation of Management Tools, Reporting back & Recommendations
- 12.8. Presentation on Selection Criteria for Pilot Projects (Mr. Simon Woodley)
- 12.9. Exercise: Criteria for Application in Sub-Regions

### **13. Consideration of the need and options to progress a Technical Advisory Group**

The meeting is invited to consider the need for an advisory committee. Various options to progress considerations will be presented.

### **14. Adoption of draft meeting report template**

### **15. Next meeting of Signatories**

The Signatories will be invited to consider the periodicity of future MoU meetings and a possible date for their next meeting. Expressions of interest to host the next MoU meeting will be considered, along with any other pledges for financial or inkind support.

### **16. Any other business**

### **17. Closure of the Meeting**

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