

IOSEA QUESTIONNAIRE – 2011 *

NATIONAL NETWORKS / COMMITTEES FOR MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION (Pursuant to Objective 6.4 of the IOSEA CMP)

Signatory State:

Madagascar

IOSEA Focal Point (or name of person completing this form)

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National network or Committee (give the name, if applicable):

National Task-force

Brief Description / Status / Terms of Reference: (Is the network/committee formally designated by legislation, ministerial accord, MoU or some other administrative formality? Or is it an *ad hoc* organisation?)

It is an ad hoc committee, comprised of members from different ministries: High Education (in charge of scientific research), Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries (on conservation of marine turtles), local authorities, universities, and NGOs working in Biodiversity Conservation.

Lead agency / organisation / institution:

– Ministry of High Education and Scientific Research and the institution leader is the Centre National de Recherches sur l'Environnement (CNRE)

Representation in the national network / committee (list all members):

- **Government agencies:**
 - Ministry of High Education and Scientific Research
 - Ministry of Environment, Forestry
 - Ministry of Tourism
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries
- **Academic and research organizations:**
 - Université d'Antananarivo de Toliary, Antsiranana
 - Institut Halieutique et des Sciences Marines (IHSM) de Toliary
 - CNRO (Nosy Be)
 - CNRE
- **Environmental NGOs:**
 - WWF, Conservation International (CI), Wildlife Conservation Society, Blue Ventures, Reef Doctor, and others
- **Development and human rights NGOs:**
 - ONE
- **Fisheries sector:**
 - Groupement des Aquaculteurs et Pêcheurs de Crevettes de Madagascar (GAPCM)

- Programme National de Recherche Crevetière

- **Tourism sector:**

- National Office of Tourism

- **Other private sector:**

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- **Others:**

- ANGAP, SAGE, National Committee of Madagascar - UNESCO, UNESCO Programme

Specific resources for developing and maintaining the network / committee:

Resources are not formal but all activities are supported by CNRE, the host institution of the Focal Point. In 2010, IOSEA Secretariat supported the network to realize the national meeting

Means of communication (e.g. meetings, conference calls, email etc.)

Meetings, telephone conference calls, e-mail discussion groups, International journey of environment

Number of meetings / conference calls held each year:

- **2006:** 2
- **2007:** 2
- **2008:** 1
- **2009:** 1
- **2010:** 2
- **2011:** 1

Most important topics of discussion (past / current):

- Main successful activities
- Considerations about the National Strategic Plan
- Working on the national report for Madagascar
- Sharing technical and scientific information on the conservation of marine turtles

Most important advances and contributions resulting from the work of the network / committee:

- to monitor and evaluate all stakeholder's conservation activities at all sites
- to contribute to the sensibilization of practices and effective use of TEDs and other by catch mitigation measures
- to implement research activities in higher education and research center

Most important challenges and difficulties encountered by network / committee:

Challenges: to achieve results for the conservation of marine turtles in collaboration with all stakeholders; to train and to work together with fishermen, local authorities, and remote environmental educators

Difficulties: to revise the members of task force in view to achieve all activities

Plans for the future functioning and development of the network / committee:

1. to prepare a meeting for the members of National Task-force
2. to adopt and valid the national strategic plan and to update it
3. to formalize the National Committee
4. to elaborate the National Policy for Conservation and Management of Marine Turtle and their habitats

Other comments:

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*** PLEASE REFER TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONNAIRE (2008), AS APPROPRIATE**