
Memorandum of Understanding on the
Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and
their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

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ORGANIZATION AND PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

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1. This paper is intended to stimulate discussion of the kinds of activities that might be undertaken over the next three years to promote implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding. These include: establishing the MoU secretariat, organizing meetings of the signatory States and Advisory Committee, securing additional financing, possibly developing one or more projects for submission to the Global Environment Facility, and organizing a “Year of the Turtle” event for the Indian Ocean and South-East Asian region in 2005.
2. The annex to this paper gives a hypothetical time line for various activities, assuming the secretariat is fully operational by the first quarter of 2003, with sufficient funding to conduct a programme of work at least through the end of 2004. The activities listed therein are not meant to be exhaustive. It is expected that additional activities will emerge from the discussion of the Conservation and Management Plan, together with a prioritisation of their relative importance.

