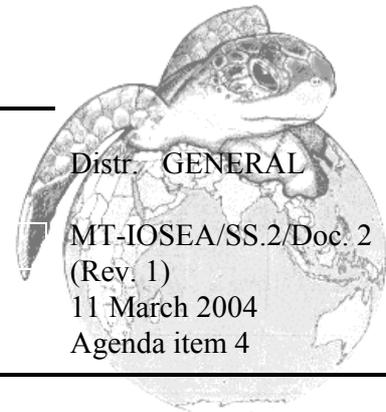


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Bangkok, 16-19 March 2004

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The Secretariat wishes to acknowledge, with appreciation, contributions received from the following organisations that have made it possible to hold the Second Meeting of Signatory States:

**Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)**

**Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (United States)**

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (United Kingdom)**

**Department of the Environment and Heritage (Australia)**

	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>1. Welcoming remarks</b></p> <p>The meeting will be formally opened at 9.00 on the morning of 16 March 2004 with welcoming remarks by representatives of the Secretariat and the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.</p>		
<p><b>2. Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding by additional States</b></p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding will be opened for signature by duly accredited representatives of Range States and other interested States during a short ceremony to be held immediately after the Welcoming Remarks, in order to allow them to participate in the meeting as <i>de facto</i> Signatory States.</p>	<p>Original Memorandum of Understanding, concluded in Kuantan, Malaysia, on 14 July 2000</p> <p>(Reproduced as: MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Inf. 2)</p>	
<p><b>3. Election of officers</b></p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and rapporteur from among the representatives of the signatory States in attendance. It is proposed that all decisions at the present meeting be taken by consensus. The Meeting may wish to consider the desirability of preparing and adopting formal rules of procedure at a future meeting.</p>		
<p><b>4. Adoption of the agenda and schedule</b></p> <p>The Meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agreement on the agenda and schedule for the meeting.</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 1 (Rev.1) MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 2 (Rev.1) MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 3 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 4 (Rev.2)</p>	
<p><b>5. Opening statements</b></p> <p>It is <u>not</u> envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting. Representatives of observer countries will be invited to inform the Meeting of their Governments' intentions vis-à-vis signature of the Memorandum of Understanding.</p>		
<p><b>6. Report of the Secretariat</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will report on developments since the First Meeting of Signatory States, notably with respect to the Secretariat's establishment in Bangkok in April 2003, prospects for additional resources, the development of a dedicated MoU website, and other activities. Reference will be made to the still incomplete list of national authorities (focal points).</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 5 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Inf. 4</p>	

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<p><b>7. Presentation and discussion of complementary initiatives</b></p> <p>Participants are requested to provide the Secretariat, before the meeting, with copies of project documents or descriptions of broad activities and programmes already under way that complement the Memorandum of Understanding. Signatory States will be invited to provide updates on completed, ongoing or planned <i>regional-level</i> project activities in which they are involved. Contributions from inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations are also welcome.</p> <p>The Secretariat proposes, under this agenda item, to call on rapporteurs to give a very brief oral report on developments directly relevant to marine turtle conservation, having arisen in the framework of other instruments or <i>major</i> initiatives, projects and meetings. It may be desirable, for sake of continuity, to appoint volunteer rapporteurs to carry on this function into the future. An indicative list of initiatives, projects and instruments (and suggested rapporteurs) is given in the notes.</p> <p>A proposal being developed by the Secretariat and SACEP for coordination of activities in the Northwest Indian Ocean sub-region may be introduced here (prior to more detailed discussion under Agenda item 12)</p>	<p>As tabled at the meeting (Documents requested from participants)</p>	<p>Inter-American Conv: Frazier CMS Africa MoU: Hykle SPREP: ? Sulu-Sulawesi: Trono</p> <p>FAO: Hogan/Chaloupka? ROPME: Oman/Iran? SACEP: Prasantha Dias</p> <p>IATTC: Hogan IOTC: Seychelles? CIO: Mauritius?</p> <p>SEAFDEC: Malaysia? WIOMSA: Kenya?</p> <p>Bay of Bengal LME: UNEP/GEF Sth China Sea:?</p> <p>WWF: McLellan TRAFFIC: Thomson IUCN: ? SEASTAR: Thailand? Global Coral Reef Network: ?</p>
<p><b>8. Review and further refinement of the Conservation and Management Plan</b></p> <p>The Secretariat present an overview of the national reports submitted by Signatory States, including an analysis of strengths and weaknesses, in terms of availability of information. Signatory States will be invited to comment on their experience of completing national reports using the new electronic template and to make suggestions for improvement.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to review the Annotated Conservation and Management Plan, which will have been updated as far as possible with new information contained in national reports and from other sources. The review will focus in particular on identifying priority actions to be undertaken by Signatory States, and on providing further guidance to the Advisory Committee on issues considered to be of highest importance.</p> <p>One example of a broad thematic issue requiring closer scrutiny is the opportuneness of developing guidelines for hatchery operations that could have wide application throughout the region.</p> <p>Under the heading “Priority site-specific interventions”, a number of presentations by specialists co-opted by the Advisory Committee are expected to stimulate discussion of some major sources of turtle mortality requiring urgent attention, hopefully leading to constructive recommendations</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Inf. 2 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc.7 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc.7.1 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc.7.2 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc.7.3</p>	<p><u>Invited oral presentations:</u></p> <p>Modelling: Chaloupka</p> <p>Orissa, India: Shanker</p> <p>Bali, Indonesia: Adnyana</p> <p>Marine debris: Whiting</p> <p>Hatcheries: Kapurusinghe</p>

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<p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Prioritisation of actions to be undertaken, with specific follow-up action proposed for those of high priority; comprehensive summary of progress in implementation already made; agreement on any changes to the national reporting format. Recommendations to address particular areas of concern identified by the Advisory Committee.</p>		
<p><b>9. Further development of implementation tools</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce a number of tools available on the MoU website (<a href="http://www.ioseaturtles.org">www.ioseaturtles.org</a>) intended to benefit Signatory States and other interested partners in relation to their marine turtle conservation activities.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Participants are encouraged to provide inputs to existing applications (such as the projects database, electronic library and mapping application) and to give feedback on other items they may wish to see included on the site.</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 8</p>	
<p><b>10. Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the Advisory Committee will be invited to provide an oral report on activities of the Advisory Committee to date, and to outline its work programme for the coming year, including as far as possible tasks agreed at the present meeting.</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to review the existing Terms of Reference for the Committee, with a view to introducing any necessary changes. Nomination forms for additional members of the Advisory Committee were circulated in December 2003, with a request that they be submitted as close as possible to mid-January 2004.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Identification of any additional expertise required; appointment of new members to Committee; agreement on any necessary amendments to the Committee's terms of reference (e.g. to deal with inter-sessional vacancies and immediate need for specialised expertise); identification of major tasks to be undertaken by the Committee inter-sessionally; agreement the timing, venue and financing of the Committee's next meeting.</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 9 (+ Annexes: Terms of Reference)</p> <p>Nomination forms (as received)</p>	

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<p><b>11. Financial and administrative matters</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Status of voluntary contributions and review of expenditures</b> The Secretariat will report on the current status of voluntary contributions received or pledged in support of the Memorandum of Understanding and on expenditures incurred to date.</p> <p>(b) <b>Work programme and budget for 2004-2005</b> The Secretariat will present a draft annual work programme and indicative budget covering the 2004-2005 calendar years.</p> <p>(c) <b>Additional sources of funding for implementation</b> Governments, IGOs and NGOs are invited to indicate the resources, financial and in-kind, they are likely to make available to support the further development and implementation of the MoU over the next 2-3 years.</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 10</p>	
<p><b>12. General considerations pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding</b></p> <p>A number of general issues will be raised under this agenda item, including: (a) examination of the implications of possibly extending the geographic coverage of the MoU to include additional States of the Pacific Ocean, in the light of recent initiatives looking into suitable institutional frameworks for marine turtle conservation in that region; (b) a proposal, to be introduced by the Secretariat, to examine the feasibility of developing a network of sites important for marine turtle conservation, based on certain agreed criteria; (c) a proposal, to be introduced by the Advisory Committee, to grant special recognition to projects or programmes that aim to implement elements of the MoU's Conservation and Management Plan (d) consideration of a timetable for possible amendment of the legal character of the MoU; and (e) a proposal for standardisation throughout the region of the codes used on flipper tags.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> (a) Agreement to set up a working group to examine in more depth all of the implications of extending the coverage of the MoU, including the receptiveness of the countries concerned; (b) agreement to organise a consultancy to develop further the concept of a site network; (c) agreement on the "project recognition" concept, if sufficiently elaborated in advance of this meeting, or to charge the Advisory Committee with finalising the proposal for consideration at the next Meeting of Signatory States; (d) agreement on whether or not to develop a timetable for consideration of the legal character of the MoU, or to retain the status quo; (e) recommendation on the use of ISO codes for tags.</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 11.1 + Annex 1 ("Bellagio Blueprint")</p> <p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 11.2 + Annex 1 (Site level tracking tool)</p> <p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 11.3</p> <p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 11.4</p>	

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<p><b>13. Organisation and provisional schedule of future activities</b></p> <p>The Advisory Committee will be invited to present its study on the feasibility of organising a “Year of the Turtle” event in 2005, to stimulate a full discussion of financial and logistical implications. Signatory States will be invited to agree a timetable for other activities arising from the present meeting, including follow-up meetings at a sub-regional and regional level.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Decision on whether to proceed with a “Year of the Turtle” event for 2005 or to defer it to a later year. Identification of key dates and opportunities for follow-up meetings; agreement on the approximate timing and venue of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Signatory States.</p>	<p>MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 12 MT-IOSEA/SS.2/Doc. 12.1</p>	<p>As of the time of writing (11.03.04), Doc. 12.1 is not available.</p>
<p><b>14. Any other business</b></p> <p>Any other matters relevant to the discussion may be raised under this agenda item.</p>		
<p><b>15. Closure of the meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting is expected to be closed no later than 17.00 on 19 March 2004.</p>		