

## OUTLINE FOR SUB-REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Much of the first afternoon of Wednesday, 20 August, is reserved for consultations in smaller sub-regional groups<sup>1</sup>, to provide for exchange of ideas and experiences among countries with a certain geographic affinity. Each session would allow for short presentations from countries on significant developments since the last meeting of Signatory States in March 2006; and for more in-depth discussion of issues that may arise in the plenary session of the meeting. It is expected that a rapporteur will be appointed from each group to prepare and present a summary in plenary of the key points arising from each group.

The following common structure is proposed for each sub-regional consultation; however groups are free to add additional agenda points as necessary.

**1. Brief (up to 5-minute) country presentations highlighting key activities undertaken since 2006**

eg. interesting research findings, genetic / satellite tracking results, new protected areas, new conservation centres, innovative community-based conservation programmes, recently introduced management guidelines, significant enforcement problems / actions, etc etc.

**2. Overview of fisheries interacting with marine turtles**

eg any new information available on the nature of the fisheries; any results from new studies on fishery-turtle interactions; any new mitigation measures successfully introduced?

**3. Overview of coastal development issues**

– major development projects initiated or planned, with potential impacts on turtles?

**4. Future (national) planned activities of interest to, and possibly benefiting from collaboration with, other countries of the sub-region** (eg. in relation to satellite tracking or genetics studies, by-catch mitigation trials etc.)

**5. Use of, and possible contributions to, various IOSEA Online Tools: Reporting Facility, Useful Contacts, Genetics Directory, Projects Database, Discussion Forum etc.**

**6. Details of planned meetings, workshops of possible relevance to other countries**

**7. Identification of broader opportunities for sub-regional exchanges, or other financial or technical support**

– eg. personnel exchanges for training purposes, collaboration on satellite tracking, joint development and/or distribution of public awareness materials etc.

**8. Reporting on developments of interest regarding marine turtle conservation activities of other relevant sub-regional/regional organizations** (eg. PERSGA, ROPME, IOTC, WIOMSA, SAARC, SEAFDEC etc etc.)

**9. Review of proposed nominations to the Advisory Committee**

**10. Confirmation of sub-regional observer to the Advisory Committee**

**11. Any other business** (eg. advanced discussion of Agenda point 8d: national networks/committees)

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<sup>1</sup> IOSEA sub-regional designations: **South-East Asia +**: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam + Australia, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States; **Northern Indian Ocean**: Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; **Northwestern Indian Ocean**: Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen; **Western Indian Ocean**: Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania.