



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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**ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE SIXTH MEETING  
OF SIGNATORY STATES**

The following action points have been extracted from the Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Signatory States (Bangkok, Thailand, January 2012) and related meeting outputs. The activities have been divided into three categories: (1) Implementation guidance / support; (2) Institutional; and (3) Administrative. In each table (sorted by Action Theme and Lead Actor, respectively), the nature of the follow-up activity is identified along with the actors to whom the activity is addressed. In most cases a corresponding paragraph reference in the SS6 report is indicated; along with additional remarks.

**TABLE 1. Sorted by Action Theme**

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Implementation guidance / support	Signatory States Secretariat	IG1. Signatory States with national conservation plans should submit them to the Secretariat for posting on the IOSEA website, as models for others to consider.	16	Suggestion of Bangladesh representative
Implementation guidance / support	Signatory States Advisory Committee Secretariat	IG2. Five main priority areas for IOSEA to address in the current biennium are:  (1) investigation of illegal direct take of marine turtles; (2) identification of index beaches associated with genetic stocks; (3) capacity-building in support of Signatory State efforts; (4) investigation of indirect take (incidental capture) in legal fisheries; and (5) socio-economic considerations, particularly stakeholder engagement.	18-29	
Implementation guidance / support	Secretariat Advisory Committee Signatory States	DETAIL:  IG2a. Investigation of illegal direct take of marine turtles  Suggested mechanisms: Commissioned reviews (e.g. in collaboration with TRAFFIC, CITES, fisheries sector and community-based studies) and prescribed student projects (ranging from semester-long reviews/course work, to Masters or PhD level theses).	20-21	
Implementation guidance / support	Advisory Committee Signatory States	IG2b. Identification of index beaches associated with genetic stocks  Initial steps: Dr Colin Limpus to collaborate with Dr. Nancy FitzSimmons to create a listing and geographic mapping of known and suspected genetic stocks for each species in the IOSEA region.	22-23	Sample template for describing index sites is given in Sixth Advisory Committee meeting report, Annex IV

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Implementation guidance / support	Signatory States  Advisory Committee  Secretariat	IG2d. Investigation of indirect take in legal fisheries:  Suggested mechanisms: collection and compilation of data on turtle bycatch in legal fisheries; better reporting on levels of fisheries and their impacts on turtles. Advisory Committee to provide guidance on the minimum data requirements. Examples of data, data sources, and data gathering methods from different countries in the IOSEA region should be sought.	27	
Implementation guidance / support	Secretariat  Advisory Committee  Signatory States	IG2e. Socio-economic considerations (specifically with regard to public participation and stakeholder engagement):  Suggested mechanisms: compilation of best practices and lessons learned (among Signatory States), perhaps undertaken by a graduate student.	28	
Implementation guidance / support	Advisory Committee  Signatory States  Secretariat	IG3. Signatory States and others to send comments on draft loggerhead assessment to Dr. Mark Hamann (Advisory Committee), who hopes to finalise the document by mid-2012. The Secretariat will circulate the next version to Signatory States prior to the document's finalisation.	30-32	
Implementation guidance / support	Advisory Committee  Secretariat  Signatory States	IG4. Dr. Ronel Nel to finalise review of 2006 leatherback assessment, including an analysis of progress and gaps, as well as project concepts arising from existing recommendations. Updated document to be completed and circulated in April 2012 (after review by Advisory Committee).	33	
Implementation guidance / support	Secretariat	IG5. Secretariat to contact Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) secretariat to seek any available data on marine turtle bycatch and to encourage reciprocal IOTC participation in future IOSEA meetings.	34	
Implementation guidance / support	Advisory Committee  Secretariat	IG6. Advisory Committee to review and, as necessary, revise the Site Evaluation Criteria; and draw attention to any further adjustments that may warranted in the course of using the criteria.	*	* Site network resolution, para. 2

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Implementation guidance / support	Advisory Committee	IG8. Members of the IOSEA Advisory Committee training roster to interact and collaborate more to complement each other and their specific training projects.	51	
Implementation guidance / support	Signatory States	IG9. Focal Points are encouraged to follow the "Terms of Reference and Guidance for IOSEA Focal Points" adopted at SS6.	58	Reproduced in Annex 8 of SS6 meeting report
Implementation guidance / support	Secretariat	IG10. Secretariat to provide Signatory States with details about procedures for accessing UNEP funding for micro-projects aimed at conserving CMS-listed species (as announced at CMS COP10).	73	Signatory States have been notified by email of 4 April 2012
Implementation guidance / support	Signatory States	IG11. Where relevant, Signatory States are encouraged to explore "offsetting arrangements" with major industrial development projects as a possible new source of marine turtle conservation funding.	77	Suggestion of Australian representative
Implementation guidance / support	Signatory States	IG12. Signatory States and others to take account of specific management priorities for satellite tracking studies, turtle populations, and IOSEA-led action in each of the four IOSEA sub-regions, as identified by the working groups in the Satellite Tracking workshop.	*	Reproduced in Annex 7 of SS6 meeting report
Institutional	Signatory States	IN1. Signatory States should collaborate to secure more funding for projects and encourage States with high seas fleets to join the IOSEA Marine Turtle MoU.	9	Suggestion of US representative
Institutional	Signatory States Supporting partners	IN2. Signatory States to begin preparing and submitting site nominations, as of September 2012 until six months prior to the Seventh Meeting of the Signatory States.	*	* Site Network Resolution, para. 4
Institutional	Signatory States Advisory Committee	IN3. Signatory States to consider, at the Seventh Meeting, recommendations of the Advisory Committee for the inclusion of network sites, with a view to launching the Site Network at SS7.	*	* Site Network Resolution, para. 5
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