



## Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs and their Habitats throughout their Range

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### NATIONAL REPORTS OF SIGNATORIES

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#### Background

1. Signatory States report on their implementation of the Dugong MOU Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) through triennial National Reports. These reports provide vital information on the implementation of the MOU and CMP, and assist the Signatories and the Secretariat in determining progress towards achieving the objectives and targets of the CMP, highlight areas for attention, and identify adaptive measures and collaboration initiatives. They can also serve as a valuable record of national achievements for dugong and seagrass conservation.
2. The National Report Template, presented by the Secretariat at the Second Meeting of Signatories (MOS2) to the Dugong MOU, was designed to mirror the structure and content of the CMP and CMS Resolution 10.9 on the Future Structure and Strategies of the CMS and CMS Family requirements<sup>1</sup> and was endorsed by the Signatories. This reporting period utilised this template.
3. Paragraphs 6 and 9 of the Dugong MOU call on Signatory States to “[a]ssess the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, including the Conservation and Management Plan, at regular meetings to be attended by representatives of each of the Signatory States concerned, and persons or organisations technically qualified in dugong conservation and management” and to “[p]rovide to the Secretariat a regular report on their implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding [...]”.
4. The National Report template is designed to mirror the objectives and actions outlined in the CMP to facilitate monitoring and evaluation. Signatory States will be asked to consider the need to review and update the CMP during MOS3 (CMS/Dugong/MOS3/12.2). Should the CMP be revised, the National Report template will also be updated to reflect the new CMP. If revised, the CMP and the National Report Template would be presented to the Fourth Meeting of Signatories for consideration and adoption.

#### 2013 – 2016 National Reports

5. By 11 March 2017, 23 Signatory States and four Non-Signatory Range States<sup>2</sup> have submitted National Reports to the Secretariat. This represents a nearly seven-fold improvement from the previous reporting period, and is attributed to the simplification of the National Report Template based on comments received at MOS2, as well as active follow-up by the Secretariat.
6. The Secretariat would like to kindly thank all those Signatory and Non-Signatory Range States that provided National Reports. Annex 1 contains a list of all Signatories and Non-Signatory Range

<sup>1</sup> [www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/10\\_09\\_future\\_shape\\_e\\_0\\_0.pdf](http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/10_09_future_shape_e_0_0.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> As one of the National Reports was on the incorrect template it was not included in the analysis.

States who provided National Reports and all National Reports are available on the MOS3 webpage<sup>3</sup> under 'National Reports' with the exemption of reports received in a draft format.

7. A detailed analysis of the implementation of the CMP by Signatory and Non-Signatory Range States is available in the addendum (CMS/Dugong/MOS3/11.1/Add.1). National Reports received using the old national reporting template or submitted after 2 March 2017 were excluded from the analysis. This document provides a brief summary of the high and low priority objectives of the CMP as ranked by the respondents.

8. Of the CMP's objectives, 'Threats facing dugong populations' and 'Promoting capacity building' were identified by over 70% of countries as the highest priority. Between 60% to 70% of countries ranked 'Dugong populations and habitats', 'Dugong habitat protection', 'Dugong habitat mapping', 'Legal protection', 'Dugong research' as being a high priority.

9. The lowest priority amongst respondents was 'Combatting illegal trade' with 57% of countries ranking this as a low priority, followed by 'Sustainable dugong use' and 'Illegal take of dugongs' with a low priority rankings of 48% and 43% respectively.

### **Action requested**

The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the National Reports provided by Signatory and Non-Signatory Range States (Annex 1).
- b) Note the National Implementation Activities By Signatories document and detailed analysis (CMS/Dugong/MOS3/11.1/Add.1).
- c) Consider the analysis in CMS/Dugong/MOS3/11.1/Add.1 to highlight areas for attention, and identify adaptive measures to address these, as well as opportunities for collaboration.

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<sup>3</sup> [www.cms.int/dugong/en/meeting/third-meeting-signatories-dugong-mou](http://www.cms.int/dugong/en/meeting/third-meeting-signatories-dugong-mou)

## Annex 1

### National Reports submitted to the CMS Dugong MOU Secretariat (as at 11 March 2017)

#### Signatory States

1. Australia
2. Bahrain
3. Egypt
4. Eritrea
5. India
6. Kenya
7. Madagascar
8. Mayotte (France)
9. Mozambique
10. Myanmar
11. New Calendonia (France)
12. Palau
13. Papua New Guinea
14. Philippines
15. Saudi Arabia
16. Seychelles
17. Solomon Islands
18. Somalia
19. Sri Lanka
20. Sudan
21. Thailand (draft)<sup>4</sup>
22. United Arab Emirates
23. United Republic of Tanzania
24. Vanuatu

#### Non-Signatory Range States

1. Indonesia
2. Jordan
3. Malaysia
4. Viet Nam

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<sup>4</sup> Thailand submitted the final version on 10 March 2017 but the draft version was included in the analysis (CMS/Dugong/MOS3/11.1/Add.1).