



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE CONSERVATION OF
MIGRATORY SHARKS**

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Sharks MOS4: National Reporting Format (Offline version)

Purpose: Evaluate the status of how Signatories are meeting the objective of the Memorandum of Understanding: "*to achieve and maintain a favorable conservation status for migratory sharks based on the best available scientific information, taking into account current management and conservation actions, the socio-economic, and other values of these species for the people of the Signatories*" and to report on implementation of the Conservation Plan.

*Compulsory field

Additional instructions are provided in *italics*.

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Species in your area of national jurisdiction

6. Signatory*
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Yemen
7. Please open the [excel spreadsheet](#) that you were provided for your country by the Secretariat. Use the spreadsheet to review the status of Annex 1-listed species in your national jurisdiction. Once complete, please email the spreadsheet, along with this word document, to the Secretariat (fenella.wood@cms.int)

Please contact the Secretariat if you have any difficulty accessing the spreadsheet or require additional advice and support to complete the spreadsheet.

- I have downloaded the spreadsheet successfully
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8. Do your vessels catch (landed, transhipped, or discarded) any Annex 1-listed species WITHIN your area of national jurisdiction? *

- Yes
 No

9. If yes, please report species-specific catch information within your area of national jurisdiction on the **spreadsheet** provided.

Please provide information on species that are caught (landed, transhipped, or discarded).

Species that are caught (landed, transhipped, or discarded) according with according to the fisheries authorities:

*Pelagic Thresher Shark
 Bigeye Thresher Shark
 Common Thresher Shark
 Narrow Sawfish
 Silky Shark
 Oceanic Whitetip Shark
 Dusky Shark
 Great White Shark
 Basking Shark
 Shortfin Mako Shark
 Longfin Mako Shark
 Porbeagle
 Reef Manta Ray
 Manta Ray
 Longhorned Pygmy Devil Ray
 Atlantic Devil Ray
 Japanese Devil Ray
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 Lesser Guinean Devil Ray
 Sicklefins Devil Ray
 Bentfin Devil Ray
 Dwarf Sawfish
 Smalltooth Sawfish
 Largetooth Sawfish
 Green Sawfish
 Whale Shark
 Common Guitarfish
 Bottlenose Wedgefish
 Whitespotted Wedgefish
 Smoothnose Wedgefish
 Scalloped Hammerhead Shark
 Great Hammerhead Shark
 Smooth Hammerhead Shark
 Spiny Dogfish
 Angelshark*

*Please infill **column F** on the spreadsheet for each species. There is a drop-down list for you to use with the following options: 'taking occurs', 'taking potentially occurs', 'taking does not occur', 'unknown' or 'not applicable'.*

Done

*Please provide any additional information in **column G**, for example links to publicly available reports that may contain relevant data.*

The information available to the fisheries authorities is only about the quantities of sharks in general, and there is no detail for each species separately

- I have added species-specific information to the spreadsheet
 Not applicable

10. Do your vessels catch (landed, transhipped, or discarded) any Annex 1-listed species OUTSIDE of your area of national jurisdiction? *

- Yes
 No

11. If yes, please report species-specific catch information outside of your area of national jurisdiction on the **spreadsheet** provided.

Please provide information on species that are caught (landed, transhipped, or discarded).

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 Smoothnose Wedgefish
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 Great Hammerhead Shark
 Smooth Hammerhead Shark
 Spiny Dogfish
 Angelshark*

*Please infill **column H** on the spreadsheet for each species. There is a drop-down list for you to use with the following options: 'taking occurs', 'taking potentially occurs', 'taking does not occur', 'unknown' or 'not applicable'.*

*Please provide any additional information in **column I**, for example links to publicly available reports that may contain relevant data.*

- I have added species-specific information to the spreadsheet
- Not applicable

Management and conservation measures

12. Are any Annex 1-listed species protected or have a managed fishery? *

- Yes
 No

13. If yes, please include details of protection measures or managed fisheries for each species in the **spreadsheet** provided.

These could include national, supranational regulations or the implementation of Regional Fisheries Body measures.

*Please infill **column J** on the spreadsheet for each species.*

- I have added species-specific information to the spreadsheet
 Not applicable

14. Are there any regulations concerning Annex 1-listed species currently in the process of being proposed or implemented? *

- Yes
 No

15. If yes, please include details of the proposed or in the process of implementation in the **spreadsheet** provided.

*Please infill **column K** on the spreadsheet for each species.*

- I have added species-specific information to the spreadsheet
 Not applicable

16. Have you established other conservation measures for Annex 1-listed species in your area of national jurisdiction? *

- Yes
 No

17. If yes, please include details of the conservation measures in the **spreadsheet** provided.

These could include activities including research, capacity building, training, habitat conservation, etc.

*Please infill **column L** on the spreadsheet for each species.*

- I have added species-specific information to the spreadsheet
 Not applicable

Cooperation

18. Are you cooperating with other Signatories or NGOs on the implementation of the Sharks MOU and its Conservation Plan? *

Please provide details of the cooperation.

There is cooperation that took place before the war with the IFAW organization, represented in raising awareness and defining shark MOU. All activities were almost stopped later, and we are seeking support to set standards for protecting and regulating fishing.

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19. Have you identified the need, or do you have a request for cooperation with other Signatories or Cooperating Partners to implement the Conservation Plan within your country/region? For example a relevant Regional Fisheries Body. *

- Promote stock assessments and related research.
Develop programmes to establish baseline data and facilitate reporting at a species specific level on:
 - shark catch rates;
 - fishing gear used in shark fisheries;
 - the amount of incidental and directed taking;
 - the amount of waste and discards;
 - size and sex of individuals caught; and
 - fisheries methods that are sustainable and responsible and protect the habitat.
- Develop and implement National Plans of Action for Sharks
- Contribute to developing legislation to protect species and their critical habitats and ensure implementation of regulations and policies on national, regional and global scale.

Please describe.

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20. Have you identified any barriers preventing cooperation and partnership to implement the Sharks MOU and its Conservation Plan? *

- No budget to support protection efforts
- The inadequacy of local laws to the requirements of protection for sharks
- Lack of training and capacity building programmes

Please describe.

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Capacity and materials

21. What capacity needs have you identified in your country? Please provide details. *

This could include, but not limited to, training, equipment, materials, funding, data collection etc.

Endeavour to develop capacity in research, data collection, monitoring and facilitate training in data quality.

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22. What regional (or national) identification guides, and safe handling and release guidelines do you use? *

Safe handling and release of sharks Best Practice Handbook

Please provide citation and internet link. If national guides can be made available to other Signatories, please email them as a PDF to fenella.wood@cms.int.

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23. Please send any documents related to the conservation and management of Annex 1-listed species that should be included in the Info Hub (<https://www.cms.int/sharks/en/sharks-mou-infohub>) to fenella.wood@cms.int.

- Relevant documents for the Info Hub have been emailed to the Secretariat
- Not Applicable

Species		Status of species in your area of national jurisdiction according to IUCN	Status of species in your area of national jurisdiction	Species that your vessels catch WITHIN your area of national jurisdiction ¹	Any supporting documentation for catches within your area of national jurisdiction	Species that your flag vessels catch OUTSIDE of your national jurisdiction limits ²	Any supporting documentation for catches within your area of national jurisdiction
Scientific name	Common name (English)						
<i>Alopias pelagicus</i>	Pelagic Thresher Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	Bigeye Thresher Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	Common Thresher Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Anoxypristis cuspidata</i>	Narrow Sawfish	Presence Uncertain		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	Silky Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Oceanic Whitetip Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	Dusky Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	Great White Shark	Possibly Extant		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Basking Shark	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	Shortfin Mako Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Isurus paucus</i>	Longfin Mako Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Porbeagle	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Manta alfredi</i> (<i>Mobula alfredi</i>)	Reef Manta Ray	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Manta birostris</i> (<i>Mobula birostris</i>)	Manta Ray	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula eregoodootenkee</i>	Longhorned Pygmy Devil Ray	Possibly Extant		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	

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² Species that your flag vessels are engaged in catching (landed, transhipped or discarded) OUTSIDE of your national jurisdiction limits. This also includes those vessels with the potential to take these species.

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<i>(Mobula eregoodoo)</i>							
<i>Mobula hypostoma</i>	Atlantic Devil Ray	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula japanica</i> (Please enter information under <i>Mobula mobular</i>)	Japanese Devil Ray	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula kuhlii</i>	Shortfin Devil Ray	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula mobular</i>	Giant Devil Ray	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula munkiana</i>	Pygmy Devil Ray	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula rochebrunei</i> (Please enter information under <i>Mobula hypostoma</i>)	Lesser Guinean Devil Ray	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula tarapacana</i>	Sicklefin Devil Ray	Possibly Extant		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Mobula thurstoni</i>	Bentfin Devil Ray	Possibly Extant		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Pristis clavata</i>	Dwarf Sawfish	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Smalltooth Sawfish	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Pristis pristis</i>	Large-tooth Sawfish	Presence Uncertain		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Pristis zijsron</i>	Green Sawfish	Presence Uncertain		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Rhincodon typus</i>	Whale Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i>	Common Guitarfish	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>	Bottlenose Wedgefish	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Rhynchobatus djiddensis</i>	Whitespotted Wedgefish	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	

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<i>Rhynchobatus laevis</i>	Smoothnose Wedgefish	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Scalloped Hammerhead Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Great Hammerhead Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	Smooth Hammerhead Shark	Extant (Resident)		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	Spiny Dogfish	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	
<i>Squatina squatina</i>	Angelshark	Doesn't Occur		Taking occurs		Taking occurs	

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<i>Mobula eregoodootenkee</i> (<i>Mobule eregoodoo</i>)	Longhorned Pygmy Devil Ray				
<i>Mobula hypostoma</i>	Atlantic Devil Ray				

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<i>Squatina squatina</i>	Angelshark				