**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK (2016-2018)**

**TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS**

| **No.** | **Activities** | **Mandate[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Priority****ranking[[2]](#footnote-2)** | **Time frame [[3]](#footnote-3)** | **Responsible entity [[4]](#footnote-4)** | **Funding[[5]](#footnote-5)** |
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| **Species Conservation** |
| 1. [[6]](#footnote-6)
 | Establish and convene a **Conservation Working Group** (**CWG)** under the Advisory Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference as defined in CMS/Sharks/MOS2/ Outcome # | AC1 | high | 2016-2018 | ACSECCWGCooperating PartnersConsultant | Budget + Fundraising |
|  | Convene a **CWG workshop** | CP 1.1CP 1.7 | high | 2017  | ACCWG SECConsultant | Budget + Fundraising |
|  | Provide recommendations to the AC and produce reports on activities to AC meetings | AC1  | high | As required | CWG | Budget  |
|  | Facilitate communication and support Signatories in the identification of regional and local research projects * Consult regularly with Focal Points
* Based on the outcomes of the Species-specific Action Plans (*Activity 1*), communicate to focal points relevant activities to be implemented in their region
* Seek funding opportunities (refer to activity 58)
 | CP 1.2SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | When instructed by Signatories to do so, identify or develop suitable conservation projects, partners for implementation and manage Funding Agreements | CP 1.2 CP 1.3SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Fundraising |
| **Bycatch** |
|  | Liaise with CMS Bycatch Working Group and participate in CMS bycatch workshops  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | AC CWGSEC | Budget  |
| **Fisheries Management and data collection** |
|  | Expand and encourage fisheries-independent research (e.g. historic data on commercially exploited species) to provide additional data for use in the fishery stock assessments and to inform relevant RFMOs | CP 2.6CP 3.2 | medium | 2016-2018 | SIG | Fundraising |
|  | Promote research focussing on the identification of species-selective fishing gear and bycatch mitigation measures  | CP 4.5 | medium | 2016-2018 | SIG | Fundraising |
|  | Fund and support national and international training courses in :* data collection
* shark identification
* handling and safe release protocols
 | CP 1.2 | high | 2016-2018 | SIGSEC | Fundraising |
|  | Encourage all Range States to join CMS and become Signatories to the MOU, and to comply with the decisions and recommendations. | CP 16.2 | high | 2016-2018 | SIGSECCooperating Partners | Budget  |
|  | Liaise with CITES, IUCN, TRAFFIC FAO and other relevant UN bodies to facilitate the implementation of CMS Appendix II and CITES Appendix II listings and raise awareness through regional capacity-building workshops on sustainable harvest and trade**,** particularly in relation to:* NDF
* Traceability
* Species identification
 | CP 7.2CP 14.3 | medium | 2016-2018 | SEC | Fundraising |
|  | Improve monitoring and implementation in marine protected areas (MPAs), improve enforcement | CP 14.5 | medium | 2016-2018 | SIG | Fundraising |
| **Cooperation and Partnerships** |
|  | Cooperate with the CMS Family on matters related to shark conservation* Contribute to the implementation of CMS Res. 11.20, Resolutions on bycatch (CMS wide bycatch workshop)
* Contribute to the preparation of CMS COP12 and other relevant meetings of CMS (ScC, StC)
 | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018  | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Contribute to the implementation of the **CMS CITES Joint Work Programme 2015-2020** regarding sharks and rays * Activity B17: Optimize the effectiveness of actions taken by Parties to both CMS and CITES concerning sharks and rays, strengthening synergies with FAO, RSCs, RFBs and other relevant bodies
* Activity B18: Cooperate on capacity building regarding the implementation of regulations of both Conventions related to sharks and rays
 | CP 14.3SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget + Fundraising |
|  | Strengthen synergies and collaborate in conjunction with CITES and FAO to support regional programmes as well as collaboration between Range States * Organize regular meetings (and teleconference calls )
* Share best practice
* Coordinate conservation activities
* Share knowledge and expertise
 | CP 13.1CP 14.3SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | ACSEC | Budget  |
|  | Establish partnerships and strengthen collaboration with relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with shark conservation and management  | CP 13.1CP 14.3SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Promote conservation efforts and cooperation between all stakeholders in Range States | CP 13.1SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | IUCN Red List Assessments * Liaise with the IUCN Shark SSG to coordinate actions implementing the objectives of the Conservation Plan and the species-specific action plans
* Participate in assessment workshops to provide recommendations and organize side events
 | CP 13.1 | high | 2016-2018 | ACCWGSEC | Budget  |
| **Management of the Secretariat** |
|  | Manage and implement the budget for the MOU | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Prepare annual budget implementation reports for the information of the Signatories and project reports to donors | SEC ToR | core | yearly | SEC | Budget |
|  | Undertake Fundraising activities | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget |
|  | Maintain and update the Sharks MOU website as needed  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SECConsultant | Budget |
|  | Publish articles and press releases relevant to shark conservation and management supported by the CMS Joint Communications Team | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget |
|  | Produce fact sheets about relevant shark conservation and where appropriate measures to achieve sustainable fisheries, for relevant topics and species * Bycatch
* Overfishing
* Species Action Plans
 | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget |
|  | Use Social Media to increase the visibility of the MOU globally supported by the CMS Joint Communications Team | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Prepare publications using studies (e.g. domestic legislation, species priorities)  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Expand the Sharks MOU communication and awareness-raising activities, in particular to: ·        Develop a distinct visual identity for the Sharks MOU;·        Develop a distinct website for the sharks MOU;·        Develop a distinct email address;·        Outreach relevant bodies and organizations, in consultation with Signatories;·        Outreach, in consultation with Signatories, Non-Signatory Range-States and in particular those that display significant catches, trade and consumption of sharks.Where feasible, align communication with the Communication Strategy for Migratory Species (in preparation)~~Where feasible, expand the Sharks MOU communication and awareness-raising activities in alignment with the Communication Strategy for Migratory Species (in preparation)~~ | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Fundraising |
|  | Compile information, review data, liaise with stakeholders and provide information to Signatories on the implementation and functioning of the MOU  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Facilitate and encourage regular information exchange and cooperative activities between* the shark research,conservation and sustainable fisheries communities
* stakeholders in all Range States
* Focal Points
* Advisory Committee
 | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Represent the MOU at meetings of other intergovernmental agreements (e.g. CITES, IUCN, FAO), as appropriate to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the MOU  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget + Fundraising |
|  | Update and maintain the contact database  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Prepare reports of the Secretariat activities for AC and MOS meetings | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Recruit and manage the staff and interns of the Secretariat  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
| **Support for Meetings (MOS, AC and WG)** |
|  | Undertake meeting arrangements for the 3rd Meeting of the Signatories (MOS3), including the identification of a venue, liaison with host government and organization of contracts | SEC ToR | core | End 2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Undertake meeting arrangements for the 2nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC2), including the identification of a venue and organization of contracts | SEC ToR | core | Mid 2017 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Undertake meeting arrangements for the 3rd Meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC3), including the identification of a venue and organization of contracts | SEC ToR | core | Mid 2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Undertake meeting arrangements for the Working Group Meetings, including the identification of a venue and organization of contracts | SEC ToR | core | 2016 and 2017 | SEC | Budget + Fundraising |
|  | Coordinate, draft and prepare meeting documents, including posting of documents | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SECConsultant | Budget  |
|  | Coordinate and prepare translations into 3 languages (English, French and Spanish)  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Support and arrange attendance and travel of sponsored delegates and experts  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget + Fundraising |
|  | Organize and prepare media and press work in collaboration with the Joint Communication Team of CMS | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Prepare meeting reports and distribute to Signatories  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
| **Support of the Advisory Committee** |
|  | Assist the Chair of the Advisory Committee as required to facilitate the work of the Committee  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Assist the Advisory Committee with the preparation of meeting documents | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Assist the convenor and chair of the Conservation Working Group, as required to facilitate the work | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SECConsultants | Budget  |
|  | Develop and maintain the list of experts relevant to the Sharks MOU  | CP 2.5 | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
| **Implementation of the MOU** |
|  | Promote and coordinate activities of the Programme of Work and Conservation Plan | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC  | Budget  |
|  | Conduct a survey on domestic legislation to address implementation gaps, inform Signatories and monitor the implementation of the Conservation Plan  | CP 7.1SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SEC | Budget  |
|  | Liaise with non-Signatory Range States to provide them with the necessary information to join the MOU and facilitate the accession  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SECCooperating partners | Budget  |
|  | Undertake outreach activities on the following priority regions: South-East Asia, South America and Caribbean and West Africa  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SECCooperating partners | Fundraising |
|  | Use other CMS meetings and workshops to promote the accession to the MOU  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SECCMS | Budget  |
| **Capacity Building** |
|  | Identify and review gaps in capacity and training needs of Signatories and compile or develop tailored training materials | CP 1.1SEC TOR | high | 2016-2018 | ACSECCooperating Partners | Fundraising |
|  | Assist Signatories with the implementation of the Conservation Plan. | CP 6.2SEC ToR | high | As requested by Signatories | ACSECCooperating Partners | Fundraising |
|  | Contribute to joint capacity-building workshops with CMS and cooperating partners in Africa, Asia, Oceania, South & Central America and the Caribbean, as requested by the regions  | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SIGACSECCooperating Partners | Fundraising |
|  | Develop a communication and awareness raising strategy for CMS Sharks MOU -listed species | CP 1.6 CP 5.2CP 6.3 | high | 2016-2018 | SIGSECCooperating Partners | Budget  |
|  | Develop a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the Conservation and Management of Sharks and their habitats Cooperate with relevant scientific bodies (universities, scientists, international institutions) | CP 12 | medium | 2017 | SECCooperating Partners | Fundraising |
|  | Translation of “Sharks of the Arabian Seas”- Identification Guide to other languages of the Indian Ocean Region (e.g. Farsi, Hindi, Urdu) and other identification guides as required  | CP 12CP13 | medium | 2016-2017 | SEC | Fundraising |
| **Fundraising / Mobilization of resources** |
|  | Identify existing and new opportunities for financial resources to support the long-term implementation of the Conservation Plan and the PoW. Expand and enhance fundraising activities:* Raise funds and voluntary annual contributions from Signatories
* Raise funds for joint projects with partners and potential partners
* Explore possibilities of alternative funds (e.g. private sector)
* Support funding applications and opportunities for Signatories
* with letters of endorsement / support
 | SEC ToR | core | 2016-2018 | SIGSEC | Budget  |

1. Conservation Plan (CP) and the Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat (SEC ToR) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Core Secretariat activities and suggested priorities (High, Medium) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Year(s) during which activity should be implemented [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Signatories (SIG), Advisory Committee (AC), Secretariat (SEC), Conservation Working Group (CWS), Consultants, Cooperating Partners [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Fundraising Scenario 1 or 2 from the proposed budget 2016-2018 CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.10.1 and activities that require special fundraising [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)