**CRP 10.4/Annex 2**

**IMPORTANT SHARK AND RAY AREAS (ISRAs)**

**~~DRAFT~~ DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**

Signatories

1. Welcomed the initiative and progress made by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission Shark Specialist Group (IUCN SSC SSG) in developing robust selection and review criteria for identifying “Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs)” that complement and contribute to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) and the IUCN Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs).
2. Acknowledged the Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRA) criteria and identification process described in ***Hyde et al. 2022*** and ***Notarbartolo di Sciara 2022*** and the ISRA Guidance Document posted on the ISRA website ([sharkrayareas.org](file:///C:\Users\andrea.pauly\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\W4CT5R61\sharkrayareas.org)) for Sharks MOU Annex 1-listed species and provide as [CMS/Sharks/MOS4/Inf.5](https://www.cms.int/sharks/en/document/important-shark-and-ray-area-isra-guidance-criteria-application);
3. Acknowledged that **Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs)** are an advisory, expert-based classification that can be used as a valuable resource for the integration of shark, ray, and chimaera species into existing and future national, regional, and international conservation strategies. ~~applied to the world’s oceans, and relevant inland water bodies, consisting of discrete portions of habitat, important to shark, ray, and chimaera species, that have the potential to be delineated and managed for conservation.~~
4. Agreed to:
   1. Encourage and where possible support, in consultation with Signatories and Range States, ~~of~~ the IUCN SSC SSG to advance these approaches. ~~and recommend that such work to identify specific areas engages the authorities of Signatories and Range States in the spirit of transparency at an early stage;~~
   2. Support the IUCN SSC SSG as appropriate and as feasible with the identification ~~of specific areas where the delineation~~ of ISRAs including sharing relevant information and expertise, and for example by providing data where available.~~could be particularly beneficial, for example through stimulating protected area network design and connectivity, or addressing threats to sharks and rays more comprehensively;~~
5. Requested the Secretariat to continue to liaise with the IUCN SSC SSG and to report back to MOS5 on progress.