



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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SECOND MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR MARINE TURTLES OF THE ATLANTIC COAST OF AFRICA

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Annex 8

TEMPLATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL REPORTS

1. The objective of a Signatory State providing a national report to the Secretariat of the MoU of Abidjan is to evaluate the progress towards the implementation of activities for the conservation of marine turtles in the State. This report is based on the 6 objectives of the Regional Conservation and Management Plan.
2. Please answer all questions as fully and as accurately as possible. It may appear time-consuming, but once you have completed the first report, it will be much easier the next time because some sections will remain unchanged and you can simply revise the necessary sections of the existing report on-line. Please note that the questions in section 1.4 meet the reporting requirements of the 2004 FAO Guidelines to Reduce Sea Turtle Mortality in Fishing Operations and should be completed with the help of a Fisheries Officer in the Signatory State.
3. Comment boxes are provided next to most of the questions to explain what information needs to be provided. Do not hesitate to provide, in the Annex, additional detailed information on anything useful or interesting as well as graphs, maps, photographs, field reports and press releases. Please try to always indicate the source of the information used to answer a particular question. If it is a published reference, please provide all the details (author, date, title, journal/book/etc., volume, number, and page numbers). Each National Report should be a useful tool for the Signatory State, for the CMS Secretariat, for the Scientific Division and the Advisory Committee of the MoU of Abidjan, and the other States. The CMS Secretariat and the Advisory Committee of the MoU of Abidjan are available to help the States prepare their National Reports.
4. There is no deadline by when the States need to submit their report. The nesting season varies in the region and we request the Signatory States, where nesting occurs, to submit their report after analyzing the data for the nesting season.
5. This report can be completed on the website of the CMS Secretariat, or sent via email or by post.



NATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR: /

Signatory State:	
Memorandum in effect in Signatory State since (day/month/year)	
Full contact details of the agency or institution that has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report	
Designated Focal Point: name and address	Administrative:
	Scientific:
List any other agencies, institutions, or NGOs that have provided input:	
Date of completion of the National Report (day/month/year)	

OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce direct and indirect causes of marine turtle mortality

1.1 Identify and document the anthropogenic threats to marine turtle populations and habitats

Please summarise in no more than a page, the status and conservation of marine turtles in your country. Comment on the main conservation challenges and achievements to date. It is not necessary to list here by name the individual nesting beaches, feeding areas and developmental habitats, as this information can be provided at the end of the report in the Annex.

1.2. Best practices to minimize threats

1.2.1 Describe any protocol or approaches practiced in your country, which you consider exemplary, for minimising threats to marine turtle populations and their habitats, which may be suitable for adaptation and adoption elsewhere.

1.3. Programmes to correct adverse economic incentives

1.3.1 Have any socio-economic studies or activities been conducted among coastal communities that interact with marine turtles and their habitats?

Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

1.3.2 Which of these adverse economic incentives are underlying threats to marine turtles in your country?

Low prices for turtle meat relative to the meat of other animals

Lack of affordable alternatives to turtle products

Ease of access to the turtle resource (e.g., by virtue of proximity or easy access to nesting area or feeding grounds)

Low penalties against illegal harvesting

Other reasons

1.3.3. Does your country have the resources and funding for conservation programmes and to correct these adverse economic incentives?

Yes No NOT APPLICABLE (no adverse economic incentives exist)

If yes, please describe in detail.

1.4 Reduction of incidental capture

1.4.1 Indicate, and describe in more detail, the main fisheries occurring in the waters of your country, in coastal waters as well as in the high seas, by domestic as well as foreign vessels

1.4.2 Which of the following methods are used by your country to minimize incidental capture/mortality of marine turtles in fishing activities

A. Appropriate handling of incidentally caught turtles, resuscitation, or release by fishers from hooks and nets Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

B. Devices that allow the escape of marine turtles (e.g. turtle excluder devices (TEDs) or other measures that are comparable in effectiveness) Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

If trawlers in your country use TEDs, please indicate how many

C. Measures to avoid encirclement of marine turtles in purse seine fisheries Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

D. Appropriate combinations of hook design, type of bait, fishing depth, speed, and other gear specifications and fishing practices

Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

E. Monitoring and recovery of fish aggregating devices (FADs)

Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

F. Net retention and recycling schemes

Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

G. Spatial and temporal control of fishing (e.g. seasonal closures of fishing activities or targeting of specific sites)

Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

H. Effort management control

Yes No

Please provide details especially on any future plans

I. Others (list and explain):

1.4.3. Which of the following programmes has your country developed – in consultation with the fishing industry – to promote implementation of measures to minimise incidental capture and mortality of turtles in national waters and in the high seas?

a) Onboard observer programmes

Yes No NOT APPLICABLE

If yes, how many
observers

on how many
vessels

Have you trained observers?

Yes No

b) **Vessel monitoring systems**

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

Details/future plans:

c) **Inspections** (i.e. at sea, in port, at landing sites)

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

Details/future plans:

d) **Training programmes / workshops** to educate fishers

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

Details/future plans:

e) **Informative videos, brochures, printed guidelines** etc.

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

Details/future plans:

f) **Disposable of ship-borne waste at ports.**

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

Details/future plans:

g) **Other (list and explain):**

None of the above

1.4.4. Have you organized any meetings with artisanal fishermen to discuss the conservation of marine turtles?

Yes No

If no, please explain why not

1.4.5. Have you initiated a system in your country to recover and release marine turtles accidentally captured by the artisinal fishermen (with or without sponsorship)?

Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

1.4.6. If feeding or developmental grounds exist in your country, have you encouraged fishing practices that are not detrimental to adult and subadult turtle populations and human activities that do not destroy the marine habitat?

Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

1.4.7. Do the commercial fisheries in your waters respect the fishing zones?

Yes No

If no, how do you plan to address this problem

1.4.8. Describe any illegal and unregulated fishing that is known to occur in or around the waters of your country that may impact marine turtles. Describe the measures being taken to deal with this problem and any difficulties encountered in this regard.

1.4.9. Has your country liaised with fisheries industries and fisheries management organisations to develop and implement incidental capture mitigation mechanisms in national waters and on the high seas?

Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

1.4.10. Has your country exchanged information and provided technical assistance (formally or informally) to other Signatory States to promote the activities described in 1.4.4, 1.4.5 and 1.4.7 above?

YES NO UNSURE If yes, please give details of the exchanges/technical assistance.

1.4.11. What legislative and practical measures has your country taken in support of UN General Assembly Resolution 46/215 concerning the moratorium on the use of large-scale driftnets?

Minimizing the effects of marine extractive industries

1.5.1. Are there marine extractive industries in your country?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the type and extent of this industry

1.5.2. Have any best practice guidelines been developed or being considered to mitigate against negative impacts of seismic exploration, mining, etc. on marine turtles and their habitats?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details/future plans:

1.6. Nesting beach management and measures to increase hatchling recruitment

1.6.1. How many programmes do you have to survey the nesting beaches?

If applicable, please provide details

1.6.2. From the list below, first indicate whether your country has any of the following initiatives in place . If yes, indicate the relative effectiveness of these initiatives and elaborate your response in the text boxes provided.

MEASURES

RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS

Monitoring/protection programmes

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW UNKNOWN

Education/awareness programmes

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW UNKNOWN

Egg relocation/hatcheries

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW UNKNOWN

Predator control

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW UNKNOWN

Vehicle / access restrictions

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW
UNKNOWN

Removal of debris / clean-up

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW
UNKNOWN

Re-vegetation of frontal dunes

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW
UNKNOWN

Building location/design regulations

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW
UNKNOWN

Light pollution reduction

YES NO N/A EXCELLENT GOOD LOW
UNKNOWN

Other (list and rate them)

1.6.3. Has your country evaluated the management programmes on the nesting beaches?
Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

1.7. Maximizing survival in foraging and developmental habitats

1.7.1. Does your country have or plan to have any monitoring and/or protection programme in the foraging and development habitats?

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

If yes, please provide details/future plans

1.7.2. Has your country evaluated the management programmes in the foraging and development habitats?

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

If yes, please describe in detail

Fat consumption YES NO HIGH MODERATE LOW
UNKNOWN

Traditional medicine YES NO HIGH
MODERATE LOW UNKNOWN

Eco-tourism YES NO HIGH MODERATE LOW
UNKNOWN
programmes

Cultural / traditional YES NO HIGH
MODERATE LOW UNKNOWN
Significance/voodoo

Other (list and rank):

1.8.3 Please indicate the relative level and impact of traditional harvest on marine turtles and their eggs.

Level of harvest:
 RELATIVELY HIGH MODERATE RELATIVELY LOW NONE
 UNKNOWN

Impact of harvest:
 RELATIVELY HIGH MODERATE RELATIVELY LOW NONE
 UNKNOWN

Source of information / explanation:

1.8.4 Have any **domestic** management programmes been established to limit the levels of intentional harvest?

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE Use the text box to give details.

1.8.5 Describe any management agreements negotiated **between your country and other States** in relation to sustainable levels of traditional harvest, to ensure that such harvest does not undermine conservation efforts.

OBJECTIVE 2: Protect, conserve and restore terrestrial and marine habitats for marine turtles

2.1. Measures to protect and conserve marine turtle terrestrial and marine habitats

2.1.1. Has your country identified critical and non-critical marine turtle habitats (e.g., nesting beaches, foraging and developmental habitats, inter-nesting habitat)?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details

2.1.2. Are there marine and coastal zones that are classified as national parks, reserves, or sanctuaries?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

2.1.3. What is being done in your country to manage and protect critical habitats such as nesting beaches, feeding and developmental areas, interesting habitats?

Please provide details

2.1.4. Are there any incentives to adequately protect marine turtle habitats (terrestrial and marine) outside of protected areas?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

2.1.5. Have assessments of the environmental impact of marine and coastal development and other human activities on marine turtles and their habitats been conducted?

YES NO

2.1.6 What measures and management have you implemented for the use of nesting beaches, especially in urban areas and villages (for example, placement and construction of buildings, artificial lights, vehicles)?

2.1.7. Is there any legislation in your country preventing construction in public maritime areas?

YES NO

Please provide details

2.1.8. Have any projects/activities been initiated with neighboring countries for transboundary protected marine areas (including nesting beaches and feeding and developmental areas) by using ecological borders rather than political borders?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

2.1.9. Has your country developed any legislation or best practice measures to reduce pollution in coastal and marine habitats?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

2.1.10. Is marine water quality (including plastic debris) assessed in your country, especially in marine turtle habitats?

YES NO

If yes, please provide sufficient details of the monitoring and the measures taken

2.2 Restoration of degraded marine turtle habitats

2.2.1 On the nesting beach, have there been efforts to reduce anthropogenic threats to adults and hatchlings (e.g., reduction in logs on the nesting beaches)?

YES NO

If yes, please provide sufficient details of the techniques applied, the negotiations with responsible parties, etc.

2.2.2. Are efforts being made to recover mangrove habitats that are important for turtles?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details of the measures taken (location, duration, effectiveness, lessons learned, future plans etc.)

2.2.3. Are efforts being made to recover sea grass habitats?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details of the measures taken (location, duration, effectiveness, lessons learned, future plans etc.)

2.2.4. Are efforts being made to recover degraded coral reefs?

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE (no degraded coral reefs)

If yes, give details (location, duration, effectiveness, lessons learned, future plans etc).

2.2.5. Do nature clubs and/or NGOs in your country organize regular beach cleaning activities?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

OBJECTIVE 3: Improve our knowledge of marine turtle populations and ecology through research, monitoring, and information exchange

3.1. Studies on marine turtles and their habitats

3.1.1 Provide a list of available reports and publications that include baseline information from studies carried out in your country on marine turtle populations and their habitats.

3.1.2. Are there programmes to monitor nesting beaches, feeding areas, and/or developmental habitats in your country?

Nesting beaches: Yes No

Feeding areas: Yes No

Developmental habitats: Yes No

Please provide details on the nature, duration, and the continuity of these programmes.

3.1.3. How many turtles have been tagged during the time period covered by this report?

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Number of turtles and species tagged (Cc = *C. caretta*; Cm = *C. mydas*; Lk = *L. kempii*; Lo = *L. olivacea*; Ei = *E. imbricata*; Dc = *D. coriacea*)

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3.1.4. Have key terrestrial (nesting beaches) and marine (developmental and foraging areas) habitats been mapped in your country?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.5. Have any tracking studies on adult or juvenile turtles been conducted in your country (e.g., satellite tracking)?

YES NO

Species Adults Juveniles Total number
Cc = *C. caretta*; Cm = *C. mydas*; Lk = *L. kempii*; Lo = *L. olivacea*; Ei = *E. imbricata*; Dc = *D. coriacea*

In the Annex, please provide reports and/or publications of these data

3.1.6. Are there follow-up and long-term conservation activities being planned for marine turtles?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.7 Has the genetic identity of marine turtle populations in your country been characterized?

YES NO

Please give details (e.g. which species, the results, etc.).

3.1.8. Does your country have a national database?

YES NO

If yes, who manages the database and what methodology is used?

3.1.9. Please list, in the Annex, all the scientific publications on marine turtles in your country.

3.1.10. Have studies been carried out on marine turtle population dynamics and survival rates in your country?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.11. Has research been conducted on the frequency of diseases and pathology in marine turtles?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.11. Are there reference collections in your country (carapaces, skulls, bones, embryos, etc.) in a museum, research institute, or university?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.13. Have ethno-zoological studies in local communities and/or research on traditional practitioners been conducted in your country?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.14 Has there been a recent evaluation of the marine turtle research and conservation activities in your country?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.15. Is there a sea turtle stranding network in your country?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.1.16. Are there any studies being undertaken in your country to investigate the effects of climate change?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

3.2 Collaborative research and monitoring

3.2.1 List any regional or sub-regional research and monitoring plans in which your country is already participating.

3.2.2 On which of the following themes have collaborative studies been conducted with local communities and NGOs (national and/or international) present?

a) Genetic identity Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

b) Conservation Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

c) Movements/Migrations Yes No

If yes, please describe in detail

d) Foraging **Yes** **No**

If yes, please describe in detail

e) Other biological aspects **Yes** **No**

If yes, please describe in detail

f) Community-based activities **Yes** **No**

If yes, please describe in detail

g) Others **Yes** **No**

If yes, please describe in detail

3.3. Data analysis and applied research

3.3.1. Are data in your country regularly submitted to a national, subregional and/or regional database?

YES NO

Please provide details for either response

3.3.2. Does your country have marine turtle populations or habitats of regional or international importance?

YES NO Ignorant

If yes, please provide details

3.3.3. Have any population trend analysis done for any of the marine turtle species in your country?
 YES NO Ignorant

If yes, please provide details

3.3.4. Are any research results being used to improve management, reduce threats, and to evaluate the effectiveness of conservation activities?

YES NO Ignorant

If yes, please provide details

3.4 Information exchange

3.4.1 Do you use standardised methodologies (determined at the national and/or regional level) to collect data?

YES NO

Please elaborate on your response

3.4.2 To what extent does your country exchange scientific and technical information and expertise with other Range States?

OFTEN OCCASIONALLY RARELY NEVER

3.4.3 Do marine turtle researchers and conservationists in your country have easy access to discussions and information on the internet?

YES NO

3.4.4. Do marine turtle researchers and conservationists in your country exchange data and make information available to their colleagues in the sub-region to improve the conservation of marine turtles and their habitats (e.g., newsletter)?

YES NO

If yes, what mechanisms have commonly been used for this purpose?

OBJECTIVE 4: Increase public awareness to threats facing marine turtles and their habitats, and enhance public participation in conservation activities

4.1 Public education, awareness and information programmes

4.1.1 Describe the educational materials, including mass media information programmes that your country has collected, developed and/or disseminated.

4.1.2. Are there information centres or museums for the public, schools, and tourists?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

4.1.3 Which of the following groups have been the targets of these focused education and awareness programmes described above in Section 4.1.1?

- Artisanal fishermen
- Commercial fisheries
- Village communities
- Tourists
- Hotel clientele
- Decision makers
- Business people
- Media
- Teachers
- Students
- Military, Navy, Police
- Scientists, NGOs
- Guards in protected areas
- Other (describe):

Please give further details:

4.1.4. Do you have trained people, paid and/or as volunteers to conduct awareness programmes in schools and villages?

Yes No Number

4.1.5. Has biodiversity and its conservation, especially concerning marine turtles, been incorporated into school programmes?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

4.1.6. Does your country organize a 'Day of the Turtle,' turtle festivals or publicized releases of accidentally captured turtles?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

4.1.7. Are there ethnic or religious taboos concerning marine turtles in your country and do you use it to better protect turtles?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

4.1.8. Are there posters/brochures/videos/etc. in your airports, travel agencies, information boards prohibiting the sale or purchase of carapaces and objects made from scutes?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

4.2. Alternative livelihood opportunities for communities to encourage their participation in conservation efforts

4.2.1. Describe initiatives already undertaken or planned to implement alternative livelihoods for local communities.]

4.2.2. Describe initiatives already undertaken or planned to improve the quality of life for local communities.

4.3 Public participation

4.3.1. Do the local communities, other interested parties, and stakeholders participate in the planning and implementation of conservation programmes for marine turtles and their habitats?

YES NO

If yes, please describe in detail

Is this participation effective and has it improved the conservation of marine turtles and their habitats?

YES NO

If yes, please explain in detail

4.3.2. Do the following groups participate in conservation programmes for marine turtles and their habitats?

Artisinal fishermen

Women's groups

Village communities

Youth

Public administration

NGOs

Hotels along the coast

Restaurants

Volunteers for international NGOs

Others: _____

4.3.3. Do you encourage villagers , schools, and the public to participate in the conservation of marine turtles through incentive programmes (e.g., T-shirt gifts, awarding diplomas/certificates for participation)?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details

OBJECTIVE 5: Enhance national, regional and international cooperation

5.1. Collaboration with signatory and Non-signatory States to the MoU of Abidjan to organize and share information and prevent illegal trade, and enforce laws concerning marine turtle products

5.1.1. Has your country ratified the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)?

YES NO

5.1.2. If your country is a Party to CITES, does it have the necessary infrastructure to prevent trade in and export of marine turtles and their products?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.1.3. Has your country undertaken a national review of its compliance with Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) obligations in relation to marine turtles?

YES NO NOT APPLICABLE If yes, please elaborate briefly.

5.1.4. Have the relevant authorities in your country participated in CITES training programmes?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.1.5. Does your country have mechanisms in place to identify international illegal trade routes for marine turtle products (carapaces, scutes, meat, fat etc.) ?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.1.6. Which compliance and trade issues related to marine turtles has your country raised for discussion (e.g. to the Secretariat of the MoU of Abidjan, at meetings of Signatory States etc.)?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.1.7. Describe measures in place to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal trade in marine turtle products, particularly with a view to enforcing the legislation identified in Section 5.5.1.

5.1.8. Have the relevant authorities in your country who monitor illegal trafficking and the implementation of national legislation had adequate training?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.2. Implementation of national action plans

5.2.1 Has your country already developed a national action plan or a set of key management measures that could eventually serve as a basis for a more specific action plan at a national level?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.2.2. List up to 10 conservation and/or management activities and/or particular sites and location that should be among the highest priorities for the conservation of marine turtles in your country.

5.2.3. Please indicate to what extent the following issues in your country require international cooperation in order to achieve progress.

In other words, how important is international cooperation for addressing these issues?

Illegal fishing in territorial waters	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incidental capture by foreign fleets	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enforcement/patrolling of territorial waters	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting/harvest by neighboring countries	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poaching, illegal trade in turtle products	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of technology	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil spills, pollution, marine debris	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training / capacity-building	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative livelihood development	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identification of turtle populations	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identification of migration routes	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tagging / tracking of turtles	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genetic studies	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Habitat studies	essential	<input type="checkbox"/>	important	<input type="checkbox"/>	limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.3. Mechanisms for cooperation and information exchange

5.3.1. Comment on the effectiveness and the pertinence of the cooperation for the conservation of marine turtles in your subregion and indicate areas that need improvement.

5.3.2. Is your country participating in any networks for cooperative management of shared turtle populations within the country or across the subregion?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.3.3. What steps has your country taken to ratify big environmental conventions and join global fishing agreements such as the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement, 1993 FAO Compliance Agreement, and adopt the 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries?

5.3.4. What steps has your country taken to encourage Regional Fishery Bodies to adopt marine turtle conservation measures within Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and on the high seas? Please describe the interventions made in this regard.

5.4. Capacity-building to strengthen conservation measure

5.4.1. Describe your country's needs, in terms of human resources, knowledge and facilities, in order to build capacity to strengthen marine turtle conservation measures.

5.4.2. Has there been any training in marine turtle conservation and management techniques in your country? Indicate your plans for the coming year(s).

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.4.3. Are there already any partnerships developed or planned with universities, research institutions, training bodies and other relevant organisations for the conservation of marine turtles and the management of their habitats?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

5.5. Implementation and enforcement of conservation legislation

5.5.1 List the titles, numbers and dates of legislations (laws, policies, decrees, etc.) that directly or indirectly relate to the conservation of marine turtles and their habitats.

Does your national legislation effectively conserve marine turtles and their habitats?

YES NO

Please indicate the effectiveness of these legislations and identify their shortcomings when they are implemented.

5.5.2. Has your country conducted a review of policies and environmental laws to address any gaps, inconsistencies, or impediments in their application to marine turtle conservation?

YES NO

Please give details.

OBJECTIVE 6: Promote implementation of the MoU of Abidjan

6.1. MoU of Abidjan membership and activities

6.1.1. Has your country encouraged any non-Signatory nations and international organizations to sign the MoU of Abidjan?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details

6.1.2. Is your country favourable to amending the MoU of Abidjan to make it a legally binding instrument?

Yes No No view

6.1.3. If you would like the MoU of Abidjan modified, do you have suggestions for these modifications that can be presented at meeting of the Signatory States?

6.2. Secretariat and Advisory Committee

6.2.1. What efforts has your country made to support the core operations of the Secretariat and the MoU of Abidjan?

6.3. Resources to support implementation of the MoU of Abidjan

6.3.1 Has your country prioritized conservation and management activities for funding?

YES NO

If yes, please give details.

6.3.2. What internal funding has your country mobilised to implement marine turtle conservation activities related to the Memorandum? Where possible, indicate the specific monetary values attached to these activities/programmes in the past, present, as well as the future.

6.3.3. Has your country tried to solicit funds or donations of materials/equipment from other Governments, private sector, industry, international organizations, or NGOs for marine turtle conservation activities?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

6.3.4. Describe any initiatives taken to use economic instruments for the improved conservation of marine turtles and their habitats in your country.

6.3.5. Have any ecotourism projects or other self-sufficient schemes been initiated with the local coastal communities in your country and have implications for the conservation of marine turtles?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

6.4. Coordination among government and non-government agencies

6.4.1. Has your country designated a lead agency responsible for coordinating national marine turtle conservation and management of their habitats?]

YES NO

If yes, please provide details.

6.4.2. Are the roles and responsibilities of all government agencies related to the conservation and management of marine turtles and their habitats clearly defined?

YES NO

Please provide details.

6.4.3. Has your country ever conducted a review of the roles and responsibilities of agencies in charge of wildlife protection?

YES NO

Please provide details.

Other remarks

Please provide any comments/suggestions to improve the present reporting format.

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