



Memorandum of Understanding on the
Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and
their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

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RESOLUTION 3.2

**POLICIES FOR FISHERIES AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN
THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA IN THE AFTERMATH OF
THE TSUNAMI OF 26 DECEMBER 2004**

Adopted by the Third Meeting of the Signatory States (Bangkok, 29-31 March 2005)

Concerned by the loss of life, property and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of families and communities of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia resulting from the Tsunami of 26 December 2004 and its aftermath;

Recognising that marine fishing and other coastal activities play major roles in the nutrition, livelihoods, and cultures of countless people and communities of the IOSEA Region;

Conscious of the need, in the Tsunami's aftermath, for communities of the IOSEA Region to reconstitute the economic and social viability of fisheries and other coastal activities;

Recalling that, as established in the preamble of the *Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia*, "the populations of the six species of marine turtles of the Region are listed as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered on the IUCN - The World Conservation Union Red List of Threatened Species";

Acknowledging the Guiding Principles for Post-Tsunami Rehabilitation and Reconstruction endorsed by a UNEP-organised meeting on Coastal Zone Rehabilitation and Management in Regions Affected by Tsunami (Cairo, 17 February 2005);

The Signatory States to the IOSEA Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding

1. *Extend* their sympathy to all parties affected by the Tsunami of 26 December 2004;
2. *Congratulate* those States and agencies working in the Region who are developing and implementing guidelines for reconstruction that fully implement the principles of sustainable fisheries and integrated coastal zone management;
3. *Urge* States of the Region, other States working in the Region, inter-governmental organisations, bi- and multi-lateral aid agencies, non-governmental organisations and other concerned parties to ensure that sustainable practices are adopted in the re-establishment of fisheries, particularly with regard to minimising the by-catch of marine turtles and impacts on their habitats;
4. *Urge* States of the Region, other States working in the Region, inter-governmental organisations, bi- and multi-lateral aid agencies, non-governmental organisations and other concerned parties to protect marine turtles and the habitats on which they depend from impacts that can arise from unsustainable coastal development, namely by implementing adequate and careful zoning and long-term planning; and
5. *Exhort* States of the Region, and other concerned parties, to ensure that any and all development activities be carried out with full obligations to conserve marine turtles and their habitats, as specified in the *Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia*.