



# CMS Sharks MOU - Assisting Countries with the Conservation of Migratory Sharks

*Monday, 3 October 2016  
12-13.15 hrs, SCC, Exhibition 2D  
Lunch will be provided*

A quarter of the world's sharks and rays are threatened with extinction, according to a global analysis carried out by the IUCN Shark Specialist Group (SSG). The Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks (Sharks MOU) decided to include 45% of all threatened migratory sharks and rays in its Annex, including two of the seven most threatened families of sharks and rays (sawfish and thresher sharks).

Signatories to the Sharks MOU are therefore confronted with challenges and opportunities to achieve and maintain a favorable conservation status for these sharks and rays.

Since 2010 a network of countries, regions, the scientific and conservation community, as well as the fisheries management sector have worked together to implement a global Conservation Plan.

Participants will learn about the status of migratory sharks and rays and how the CMS Sharks MOU can be used as a tool to support countries to cooperate for a better management and sustainable use of these species.

#### Speakers:

1. UNEP/CMS Secretariat
2. IUCN Shark Specialist Group
3. NGOs
4. Signatories:
  - Germany
  - Kenya
  - Monaco
  - Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
  - Sri Lanka

