



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE CONSERVATION OF
MIGRATORY SHARKS**

CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.2.2
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Agenda Item 2

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND LIST OF DOCUMENTS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

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Registration will take place between 08:30 and 09:00 on 10 December 2019. The meeting will open at 09:15.

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1. Opening of the Meeting <i>no document</i>	Information Document: Provisional List of Participants CMS/Sharks/AC3/Inf.1 MOS3 Outcome: Terms of Reference for the Sharks AC CMS/Sharks/Outcome 3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming notes - Introduction of participants - Housekeeping
2. Agenda		
2.1 Provisional Agenda CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.2.1/Rev.1		The AC is invited to review, amend as required, and adopt the agenda for the meeting.
2.2 Provisional Annotated Agenda and List of Documents CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.2.2		
3. Reports		
3.1 Report of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the Secretariat CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.3.1		The Chair, Vice-Chair and the Secretariat will report on activities, that have been undertaken by the AC and the Secretariat as well as relevant developments and events that have taken place since AC2.

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4. Programme of Work 2020-2022		
<p>4.1 Draft Programme of Work 2020-2022 for the Advisory Committee CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.4.1</p>	<p>Information document: Overview of mandates directed to the Sharks AC CMS/Sharks/AC3/Inf.2/Rev.1</p> <p>Sharks MOU text (including Annex 3)</p> <p>MOS Outcomes: 2.8 CWG TOR 3.2 Modifying Annex 1 3.4 RFMO Engagement 4.6 Capacity-Building Programme 3.7 AC TOR 3.8 CMS Concerted Action 3.9 Programme of Work 2019-2021 3.11 IWG Reporting 3.12 IWG Conservation Measures</p>	<p>A key objective of this meeting will be to develop and agree a Programme of Work for the AC covering the period of 2020 – 2022.</p> <p>The Secretariat has prepared a draft template with suggestions for activities based on key mandates of the AC. (see Inf.2/Rev.1).</p> <p>The AC is invited to review the template and to provide guidance on its structure and content.</p> <p>It is expected that the AC finalizes and adopts the Programme of Work by the end of the meeting.</p> <p>In doing so, the AC shall take into account the need for additional capacity and funding, that may be required for the implementation of the agreed activities.</p> <p>Furthermore, the AC is expected to agree a time line/ timeframe for the implementation of activities and to identify lead contributors and collaborators</p>
5. Amendments to the MOU		
<p>5.1 Amendments to Annex 1 of the Sharks MOU CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.5.1</p>	<p>CMS Listing Proposals:</p> <p><i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.8 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.8/Add.1</p> <p><i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.9a UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.9(b) UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.9.a.b/Add.1</p>	<p>The AC will follow up on its mandates in relation to the amendment of Annex 1 of the Sharks MOU. Document 5.1 provides an overview of changes since AC2, in particular regarding the listing of chondrichthyan species under relevant agreements. Furthermore, the document provides additional information related to species listed in Annex 1 of the MOU and the Blue Shark, which was not included in Annex 1 at MOS3, but which needs to be revisited if new information becomes available.</p>

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	<p><i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.10 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.10/Add.1</p> <p>Information document: Comments from Relevant Intergovernmental Bodies on Proposals for the Amendments of Appendices Submitted to COP13 as at 25 October 2019 UNEP/CMS/SCC-SC4/Inf.4</p>	<p>The AC is invited to note the information provided in this document and to provide guidance to the Signatories and the Secretariat on the findings of ScC-SC4 regarding the proposals for inclusion of shark species in the Appendices of CMS, noting that the AC has come to different conclusions.</p>
<p>6. Conservation Issues</p>		
<p>6.1 Review of the Conservation Plan</p> <p><i>no document</i></p> <p>6.2 Further development and prioritization of suggested areas of conservation action for Annex 1-listed species by taxa, region, and other relevant factors</p> <p><i>no document</i></p>	<p>Sharks MOU text (including Annex 3)</p> <p>MOS3 Meeting Document: Species-Specific Conservation Measures for Species listed in Annex 1 of Sharks MOU CMS/Sharks/MOS3/Doc.10.1/Rev.1</p> <p>MOS3 Outcomes: 3.9 Programme of Work 2019-2021 3.12 IWG Conservation Measures</p>	<p>In accordance with the decision taken at MOS3, and as included in activities 2-4 of the <u>Programme of Work 2019-2021</u> of the Sharks MOU, the AC is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) <i>“Finalize existing species factsheets and draft species factsheets for species newly listed in Annex 1 of the MOU;</i> 3) <i>Further develop and prioritize suggested areas of action as contained in <u>Outcome 3.12</u> with options by taxa, region, and other relevant factors;</i> 4) <i>Facilitate communication and support Signatories with the identification of regional and local projects.”</i> <p>During this meeting, the AC will review final versions of the species factsheets, which have been updated intersessionally and which will be made available in the new “Info Hub” (see agenda item 9).</p> <p>Furthermore, the AC is expected to develop an approach and agree a procedure and timeline to implement its additional tasks as outlined above.</p>

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<p>6.3 Implementation of the CMS Concerted Action for the Angelshark</p> <p><i>no document</i></p>	<p>CMS Concerted Action reports and proposals for extension</p> <p><i>Angelshark</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.5 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.5/Add.1</p> <p>Other Concerted Action (for information only):</p> <p><i>Mobulids</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.6 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.6/Add.1</p> <p><i>Whale Shark</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.7a UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.7.b UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.1.7.a.b/Add.1</p> <p>CMS Concerted Action proposals</p> <p><i>Common Guitarfish, Largetooth Sawfish and Smalltooth Sawfish</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.8 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.8/Add.1</p> <p><i>Common Guitarfish and Bottlenose Wedgefish</i> UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.9 UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.9/Add.1</p>	<p>The Shark Trust (Sharks MOU Cooperating Partner) will present the progress made on the implementation of the CMS Concerted Action for the Angelshark and present the Regional Action Plan for the Mediterranean Angelshark, which was launched on 4 December 2019.</p> <p>The AC is invited to take note of the Action Plan and to provide guidance to the Secretariat on further steps regarding the implementation of the Concerted Action. In particular, the AC is expected to advise the Secretariat on the preparation of a Range State meeting for the Mediterranean region, at which a corresponding CMS Action Plan with activities that need to be implemented on a governmental level shall be developed and agreed.</p> <p>The Secretariat will also briefly inform about progress made by implementing partners on the implementation of Concerted Actions for Whale Sharks and Mobulids, including on activities planned for Whale Sharks in 2020, and new proposals for Concerted Action, which were submitted for consideration at CMS COP13.</p>

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<p>6.4 Implementation of CMS Resolution 12.22 <i>Bycatch</i></p> <p><i>no document</i></p>	<p>CMS Resolution: Bycatch Resolution 12.22</p> <p>CMS COP13 Meeting documents: Bycatch UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.26.2.3 Scientific Council Comments UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.26.2.3/Add.1</p>	<p>The Secretariat will inform about a draft decision submitted for consideration at CMS COP13 regarding the implementation of CMS Resolution 12.22 <i>Bycatch</i>, for which the AC was mandated to provide support.</p> <p>Bearing in mind that the decision has not been adopted yet by CMS Parties and may be subject to changes at COP13, the AC is requested to provide guidance to the Secretariat on the most suitable approach to implement this decision in cooperation with the COP-appointed Councillor for Bycatch.</p>
<h2>7. National Reporting</h2>		
<p>7.1 National Reporting CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.7.1</p>	<p>MOS Outcome: 3.11 IWG Reporting</p>	<p>The AC will review and finalize its recommendations on the revised format for national reporting, which was prepared by the Intersessional Working Group (IWG) "Reporting".</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce a new technical solution for online reporting to the AC.</p> <p>The AC is invited to advise the Secretariat and the IWG on the most suitable reporting tool.</p> <p>As requested by the IWG Reporting, the AC is requested to develop indicators to assess progress of implementation.</p>

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<p>8. Cooperation with Relevant Organizations</p>		
<p>8.1 Identification of engagement opportunities and joint activities with Fisheries Bodies (RFBs)</p> <p><i>no document</i></p>	<p>Information documents: Relevant Conservation and Management Measures, Resolutions and Recommendations of Selected Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) CMS/Sharks/AC3/Inf.3</p> <p>MOS3 Outcome: 3.4 RFMO Engagement</p>	<p>The Secretariat will inform about the outcome of MOS3 regarding the Engagement of the Secretariat and the Signatories with RFMOs,</p> <p>Furthermore, the Secretariat will report on a recent cent initiative to engage with the India Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).</p> <p>The AC is requested to provide guidance on the implementation of Outcome 3.4 in general and to identify further joint activities with Fisheries Bodies to be undertaken during the triennium.</p> <p>In addition, the AC is encouraged to provide guidance and support to the Secretariat with future projects in relation to or in cooperation with RFMOs.</p>
<p>8.2 Identification of Joint Activities with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)</p> <p>CMS/Sharks/AC3/Doc.8.2</p>	<p>CMS CITES JOINT WORK PROGRAMME 2015-2020</p> <p>COP13 document: Application of Article III of the Convention UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.21 Scientific Council Comments UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.21/Add.1</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce document 8.2 explaining current areas of cooperation between CMS and CITES that are included in the current joint CMS-CITES Work Programme 2015-2020. The AC is invited to provide guidance to the Signatories and the Secretariat on activities to be proposed for inclusion in the next joint Programme of Work, taking into account recent developments under both Conventions and the Sharks MOU.</p>

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9. Capacity-building, Information and Awareness Raising		
<p>9.1 Review and further development of the “Info Hub” on the Sharks MOU website</p> <p><i>no document</i></p>	<p>MOS3 Outcome: 3.9 Programme of Work 2019-2021</p>	<p>The Secretariat will present the new “Info Hub” on the Sharks MOU website, which was developed by the Secretariat as requested in activity 8 in the Programme of Work 2019-2021 (see Outcome 3.9).</p> <p>The portal aims to provide relevant information on species identification, bycatch mitigation and safe handling, discard survival, and other relevant fisheries management information to assist conservation and fisheries managers.</p> <p>The AC Is expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat on the structure, content and the process of populating and updating the “Info Hub”.</p>
10. Agenda, Date and Venue of the next Meeting		
<i>no document</i>		
11. Any Other Business		
<i>no document</i>		
12. Closure of the Meeting		
<i>no document</i>		
<p>Closing remarks and next steps.</p> <p>The Meeting is expected to close at 15.00 on Thursday, 12 December 2019.</p>		