



# CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS

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FIRST MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS  
Bonn, Germany, 24-27 September 2012

### DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

#### Rules of Procedure:

1. The draft Rules of Procedure as presented were provisionally adopted for the First Meeting. As definitive agreement on the Rules of Procedure could not be reached, an inter-sessional Working Group to further develop the Rules of Procedure was established. Australia, the European Union and the USA all expressed interest to be in this working group, which will work by electronic means. It would also consider the other unresolved issue, the procedure for authorizing cooperating partners.

#### Cooperating Partners:

2. The Meeting did not reach a consensus on the procedure for accepting cooperating partners. The issue was referred to the Inter-sessional Working Group. However HSI (Australia) and HSI (USA) were admitted as cooperating partners with the agreement of the Meeting.

#### Advisory Committee:

3. The Meeting established the Advisory Committee (AC) and adopted its Terms of Reference (*CMS/Sharks/Outcome 1.1*). It was agreed that the *modus operandi* would generally be virtual meetings and through an online workspace currently being developed for CMS. Face-to-face meetings would be convened if necessary but would be infrequent because of the costs involved.

4. The following representatives were nominated by their respective regions:

Region	AC members
Africa:	Mika Samba Diop Boaz Kaunda-Arara
Asia:	Awaiting nominations
Europe:	James Ellis Mariano Vacchi
North America:	John Carlson
Oceania:	Lesley Giddings
South & Central America and the Caribbean:	Jairo Sancho Rodríguez Enzo Acuña

## Conservation Plan

5. The Conservation Plan, which will become Annex 3 to the MoU, was adopted by the Meeting (*CMS/Sharks/Outcome 1.2*).

6. The columns on priorities, timeframes and responsible entities for the implementation of the Conservation Plan were not completed at the Meeting and this task was given to the Advisory Committee to advance.

## Administrative and Budgetary Matters (*CMS/Sharks/Outcome 1.3*)

### Secretariat

7. It was agreed that the provisional arrangements were to continue whereby the CMS Secretariat provided the interim Secretariat for the MoU at its headquarters in Bonn, Germany. The Terms of Reference for the Interim Secretariat were adopted by the Meeting.

### Budget

8. The Signatories agreed the budget, which aimed to provide adequate resources for the MoU for the period 2013-2015. The budget included a P3 post and a part time G5 post, to be established as of 1 January 2013, funds permitting. The budget was based on the continued operations of the interim Secretariat at its current location.

9. Given the non-binding nature of the MoU, contributions would be voluntary and a minimum voluntary contribution of €2,000 per annum was recommended. However, Signatories recognized that the objectives of the MoU could not be reached without adequate resources.

### Trust Fund

10. Signatories requested the UNEP Executive Director to establish a United Nations Trust Fund for the management of the resources of the MoU. Terms of Reference for the administration of the proposed Trust Fund were adopted.

## Procedure and Criteria for modifying the species list (*Annex 1*) to the MoU

11. The procedure for the inclusion of additional species in Annex 1 of the MoU was adopted (*CMS/Sharks/Outcome 1.4*). Annex 1 could be modified by consensus at any session of the Meeting of the Signatories, in accordance the process and timing laid down in the above document.

12. Listing criteria were agreed, based on the broad biological criteria used under the Convention. The Advisory Committee was requested to review the listing criteria and propose changes as necessary.

### Frequency of Meetings

13. The frequency of Meetings of the Signatories was set at three years.