



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

CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Outcome 2.10

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## FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS

The purpose of this reporting format is to monitor the implementation of the Conservation Plan. Its structure is therefore based on the five objectives of the Conservation Plan.

The form aims to gather information on a species-specific level to the greatest extent possible. However, should species-specific information not be available, Signatories may provide information on a general level.

### I. General Information

Year	Country	National Report

Report submitted by:

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## II. Objectives of the Conservation Plan

### Objective A:

#### **Improving understanding of migratory shark populations through research, monitoring and information exchange**

A 1. Which of these Annex I species are found in your waters?

Drop down menu:

- Species listed in Annex 1 of the MOU

A 2. Is your government compiling relevant data for improving understanding of migratory shark populations through research, monitoring and information exchange for species in Annex 1?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Drop down menu:

- Species listed in Annex 1 of the MOU and “migratory sharks in general”

Check boxes:

- Population demographics; (defined as size, dynamics, structure and abundance)
- Critical Seasons
- Critical life stages
- Essential marine habitats
- Distributional range
- Migration corridors
- Behaviour and ecology
- Threats to conservation
- Identifying species that are most vulnerable to human activities and fisheries
- Other

Provide information about research, initiatives, and programmes etc.:

Provide information about monitoring activities:

**Objective B:**

**Ensuring that directed and non-directed fisheries for shark are sustainable**

B 1. Are species listed in Annex I caught in your nation's waters (as target or incidental catch) and in what quantity?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Check boxes:

- Targeted catch
- Incidental catch

[If target]

- amount caught = "figure" (choose/specify unit)

[If incidental]

- amount caught = "figure" (choose/specify unit)
- What is the fate of incidentally caught species?

Drop down:

- List of fates

- B 2. What management measures (be as specific as possible) are in place for species listed on Annex I of the MOU, and when were they implemented?

- B 3. Has your country prohibited the taking of species listed in CMS Appendix I?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

Describe protection measures and reasons for any exceptions:

### **Objective C**

**Ensuring to the extent practicable the protection of critical habitats and migration corridors and critical life stages of sharks**

- C 1. Does your country protect habitats of species listed on Annex I of the MOU?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Drop down menu:

- Species listed in Annex 1 of the MOU and “migratory sharks in general”

Describe the measures taken to protect the area, when the area was protected and the size of the area.

### **Objective D**

#### **Increasing public awareness of threats to sharks and their habitats, and enhance public participation in conservation activities**

D 1. Is your government taking steps to improve public knowledge on migratory sharks?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Drop down menu:

Regarding...

- Sharks’ importance in the ecosystem;
- Threats to sharks;
- Threats to marine and coastal habitats;
- This Memorandum of Understanding;
- International conservation policies regarding sharks; and
- Other

Describe:

**Objective E:**

**Enhancing national, regional and international cooperation**

E 1. Has your country identified areas where cooperation among States is required for successful conservation and management activities?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Describe:

E 2. Has your country engaged with other States to address these areas?

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Describe:

E 3. Has there been any cooperation between your country and other countries on developing institutional capacity and/or competencies in:

Check boxes:

- Yes
- No

[If yes]

Drop down menu:

- Shark identification
- Management and conservation techniques
- Habitat protection
- Coordination with other stakeholders
- Implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding
- Other

Describe:

**III. Please provide any additional information relevant to the Conservation Plan for species listed on Annex 1, or in general, provide any information about what you know about sharks in your waters.**

Describe:

**IV. Have you identified any gaps or needs in the field of research, capacity-building, training, data collection etc. relevant to the conservation of Annex 1 species?**

Describe: