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|  | MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS | CMS/Sharks/MOS3/CRP12  13 December 2018 | |

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**COOPERATION WITH CMS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCERTED ACTION FOR SHARKS AND RAYS**

1. The Signatories were presented with suggestions for cooperation with CMS on the implementation of Concerted Action for sharks and rays. The concept of “Concerted Action”[[1]](#footnote-1) is to foster activities by Parties, Range States and relevant organizations to improve the conservation status of selected CMS-listed species.

1. Despite being an independent agreement with its own membership, procedure and functional bodies, the Sharks MOU is an agreement in accordance with Article 4 (4) of CMS. As such it aims to implement Appendix II of the Convention, which lists species that would benefit from international cooperation.
2. The Signatories support a close cooperation with CMS on all matters related to sharks and rays on CMS Appendices that are also included in Annex 1 of the MOU.
3. The following concerted actions were adopted by the Signatories:

* + 1. Whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) (Annex 1)
    2. Mobulid rays (*Mobulidae)* (Annex 2)
    3. [Angelshark (*Squatina squatina)* (Annex 3)]

[Unchanged Annexes not attached to CRP]

1. For more information see UNEP/CMS/Resolution 12.28 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)