



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

CMS/Sharks/Outcome 4.3  
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4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Signatories (Sharks MOS4)  
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**GLOBAL COMPENDIUM  
OF THE CONSERVATION STATUS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES OF SHARKS**

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Signatories agreed to undertake the activity described below in relation to awareness raising and communication and to include this activity in the Programme of Work (2023-2025).

**Objectives**

2. Increasing awareness of the conservation status of sharks and rays listed in Annex 1 of the MOU and informing Signatories and other decision makers about measures approved by Regional Management Fisheries Organization (RFMOs), national fisheries legislation and meetings relevant to the conservation and management of listed species.

**Activities**

3. Establish an online database that shall be updated on an annual basis and shall include the following information:
  - a) All agreed Conservation and Management Measures (CMM) under scientific advisory bodies, and RFMOs, including, but not limited to, GFCM<sup>1</sup>, ICCAT<sup>2</sup>, IOTC<sup>3</sup>, IATTC<sup>4</sup>, WCPFC<sup>5</sup>, CCSBT<sup>6</sup>, and SPRFMO<sup>7</sup> and regulatory measures under CITES and CMS;
  - b) Conservation status according to IUCN and under multilateral environmental agreements such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of wild Animals (CMS) and the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), as well as the related national/regional measures;
  - c) National legislation reported to RFMOs and where possible national measures or decisions implementing the listings under environmental conventions. Signatories are encouraged to provide updates to the Secretariat on changes to their national legislation, as appropriate;

<sup>1</sup> GFCM: General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

<sup>2</sup> ICCAT: International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

<sup>3</sup> IOTC: Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

<sup>4</sup> IATTC: Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

<sup>5</sup> WCPFC: Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

<sup>6</sup> CCSBT: Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

<sup>7</sup> SPRFMO: South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

- d) Stock status in RFMOs and scientific advisory bodies, including the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES);
- e) Calendar with all relevant shark meetings taking place annually.

### **Deliverables**

- 4. The following products and services shall be delivered in the context of this project:
  - a) Stand-alone public website (based on advice from a communication expert in the development of this website), to be hosted by the Sharks MOU Secretariat, with the options for future collaboration with relevant bodies;
  - b) Awareness raising and promotion of website and content.

### **Timeline**

- 5. The activities shall be implemented within the triennium (2023-2025).
- 6. The Secretariat is requested to report back on implementation to the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Signatories.

### **Funding**

- 7. Signatories agreed to provide financial support for the implementation of this extra-budgetary activity.
  - a) The European Union pledged 50,000 earmarked for this project.
  - b) Additional functions of the website would be subject to additional funding from Signatories.