



Second Meeting of the Signatories
San José, Costa Rica, 15-19 February 2016
Agenda Item 13

PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A LIST OF EXPERTS CONCERNED WITH SHARK CONSERVATION

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. In accordance with Objective A 2.5 of the Conservation Plan, a list of experts is to be established and maintained in respect of each of the fields of (1) fisheries, (2) scientific research and data collection, (3) conservation, (4) policy and legislation and (5) other relevant fields.
2. This list of experts aims to provide a directory of regional and global specialists that, although not further defined in the Conservation Plan, can be referred to by the Signatories and the Advisory Committee (AC) of the Sharks MOU for scientific and technical advice.
3. Each Signatory and member of the AC is invited to suggest national and international experts whose competence is generally recognized in one or more of the above-mentioned fields.
4. Recommendations of experts can be communicated directly to the Secretariat and can be regularly updated and modified by Signatories or AC members at any time by using the nomination form presented in Annex 1.
5. The Secretariat shall maintain and update the list of experts, which will include the names and contact details of the nominated experts, on the Sharks MOU website.
6. An initial list of experts was created by the AC prior to the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC1). The experts have been invited to attend the AC1, to provide advice in their respective fields of expertise. The list of experts is presented as Annex 2 to this document.

Action requested:

The Meeting of the Signatories is invited to:

- a) Consider and approve the establishment of a list of experts, as proposed by the Secretariat;

- b) Review and adopt the initial list of experts presented in Annex 2;
- c) Nominate further experts for inclusion on the list.

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE CMS SHARKS MOU LIST OF EXPERTS

Expert to be nominated:

Family name:

First name (s):

Nationality:

Institution:

Position/title:

Address:

Tel:

Skype:

E-mail:

Second E-mail (*optional*):

Field(s) of Expertise

Please choose one or more fields

- Fisheries
- Scientific research and data collection
- Conservation
- Policy and legislation
- Other (please specify) _____

Please indicate the expert's preferred language of communication:

- English
 - French
 - Spanish
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Please indicate the geographic region to which the expertise pertains:

Please add any additional information on the technical background (*optional*):

Please attach CV of expert to this document.

INITIAL LIST OF EXPERTS (as invited by the Advisory Committee to AC1)

	Expert	Affiliation / Organization	Expertise and/or background
1	Ms. Sarah Fowler	IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group Save our Seas Foundation	Marine biodiversity conservation policy
2	Mr. David Ebert	FAO Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (California State University)	Species-specific priorities Shark and Ray research
3	Mr. Colin Simpfendorfer	Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture (James Cook University) IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group	Shark and Ray research Management and conservation of sharks and rays
4	Ms. Sonja Fordham	IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group Shark Advocates International	Shark conservation policy, fisheries and wildlife management
5	Ms. Rima Jabado	The Gulf Elasmobranch Project	Expert Middle East, Fisheries, Species Identification
6	Mr. Nick Dulvy / Ms. Julia Lawson	IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group Simon Fraser University	Global Strategy for Sawfish Conservation Devil and Manta ray Conservation Strategy
7	Mr. Glenn Sant	TRAFFIC	Research and management of trade in marine species, particularly sharks