



Memorandum of Understanding on the
Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and
their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

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REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Whereas the body of the Memorandum of Understanding sets out the basic principles and collective actions that guide efforts to conserve and manage the region's marine turtles and their habitats, it is the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) that provides the detailed prescriptions that seek to accomplish the MoU's goals. The CMP has six objectives that give rise to 24 programmes of work, which in turn are constituted by 105 separate activities.

2. The three papers that fall under the ambit of this document concern: the process of national reporting; progress made towards achieving the objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan; and projects supported by CMS/IOSEA that contribute to IOSEA implementation:

- Document MT-IOSEA/SS.3/Doc. 7.1 (National Reporting) describes, in general terms, the reporting process and compliance with it; proposes changes to the reporting template in line with feedback received from Signatory States and observations made by the Secretariat in the course of analysing the national reports; and introduces specific criteria on which to assess performance (if time allows for their development before the meeting).
- Document MT-IOSEA/SS.3/Doc. 7.2 (Review of Implementation Progress) and its 62-page annex exhaustively reviews all of the national reports submitted via the Online Reporting Facility by the deadline of 31 January 2005. For ease of reading, the Secretariat has also prepared a condensed 12-page version of the review and an executive summary, highlighting the most salient information.
- Document MT-IOSEA/SS.3/Doc. 7.3 (Status Reports on CMS/IOSEA-funded Projects) provides an update on progress made in the framework of a number of marine turtle conservation projects funded through the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)/ IOSEA. Written reports may be substituted by oral updates in some instances.