



# CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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THIRD MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE  
CONSERVATION OF CETACEANS AND THEIR  
HABITATS IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION  
Noumea, New Caledonia, 8 September 2012  
Agenda Item 3.1

## Agreement Summary Sheet (as at 1 July 2012)

TITLE	<b>Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region</b>
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, French
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	All populations of cetaceans in the Pacific Islands Region (area between the Tropic of Cancer and 60 degrees South latitude and between 130 degrees East longitude and 120 degrees West longitude)
RANGE STATES & TERRITORIES	22: AUSTRALIA, COOK ISLANDS, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, FRENCH POLYNESIA, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, NEW CALEDONIA (to France), NEW ZEALAND, Niue, PALAU, Papua New Guinea, SAMOA, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, UNITED KINGDOM (Pitcairn Island), United States (including American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands), Vanuatu, WALLIS AND FUTUNA (to France)
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 14 States: AUSTRALIA (15.09.06), COOK ISLANDS (15.09.06), Federated States of Micronesia (15.09.06), Fiji (15.09.06), FRANCE (15.09.06), NEW ZEALAND (15.09.06), Niue (15.09.06), SAMOA (15.09.06), Vanuatu (15.09.06), Papua New Guinea (06.03.07), Solomon Islands (06.03.07), UNITED KINGDOM (Pitcairn Is) (29.07.09); Tonga (09.09.10); Tuvalu (09.09.10)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following the signature by the fourth State; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State or Territory on the date of signature
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	15 September 2006
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting: 6 March 2007, Apia, Samoa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting: 28-29 July 2009, Auckland, New Zealand
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable

OTHER Signed also by CMS Secretariat (15.09.06), Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Secretariat (15.09.06), International Fund for Animal Welfare (15.09.06) and Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (15.09.06), WWF International (06.03.07) Whales Alive (29.07.09) and South Pacific Whale Research Consortium (29.07.09)

### KEY TO AGREEMENT SUMMARY SHEETS

TITLE	Full title of the Agreement (and any acronym)
TYPE	Type of Agreement (concluded under the terms of either Article IV(3) or Article IV(4) of the Convention on Migratory Species)
LEGAL STATUS	Legal status of Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
LANGUAGE	Language of the authentic texts of the Agreement
SPONSOR	Name of the Government which sponsored negotiations to conclude the Agreement
DEPOSITARY	As specified in the text of the Agreement, name of the Government or intergovernmental organization providing depositary services for the Agreement
COVERAGE	Taxonomic coverage of the Agreement
RANGE STATES/REIO	CMS Parties are shown in upper case, non-Parties are shown in normal letters (includes Regional Economic Integration Organizations)
FINAL ACT	Date of signature of the Final Act of the Meeting at which the text of the Agreement was adopted, and a list of signatories to the Final Act
SIGNATURE	As specified in the text of the Agreement, provisions for signature of the Agreement. Actual number of signatures of Range States + REIOs, followed by a listing of the individual signatories in chronological order  Symbols used: "ds" means the signature is definitive (no further legal measures necessary for the Agreement to be legally binding); "+" means the Agreement has been signed, but must still be ratified; "acp" means the Agreement has been accepted; "app" means the Agreement has been approved; "acc" means the Agreement has been acceded to
IN FORCE/ IN EFFECT	Provisions concerning entry into force of the Agreement or effective date of the Memorandum of Understanding, as specified in the text of the Agreement or MoU
ACTUALLY IN FORCE/ IN EFFECT	Actual date of entry into force/effect of the Agreement or MoU
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Actual number of States and REIOs having signed definitively, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Agreement, followed by a listing of the relevant States/REIOs in chronological order (according to the date of deposit of relevant instrument)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES/ SIGNATORIES	Dates or provisions with respect to holding the first Meeting of the Parties (Agreements) or Signatories (MoU), if specified in the text of the Agreement
SECRETARIAT	Arrangements for the organization of the Secretariat, if specified in the text of the Agreement, with full address of the Secretariat or Interim Secretariat for the Agreement
FINANCING	Financial considerations, if specified in the text of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	Any provisions with regard to the possibility for Parties to enter reservations, if specified in the text of the Agreement
DESCRIPTION	As appropriate, a brief description of the Agreement's provisions
SPECIES EXAMPLES	A few examples of species covered by the Agreement
OTHER	Other remarks