

Regional meeting on science and management for Dugongs of the Arabian Gulf

Khalidiya Palace, Abu Dhabi, 2nd – 4th May 2023

CMS/Dugong/AGWorksop2023/01

AGENDA

Day 1: May 02, 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
8:30 – 9am	Registration of participants	
9 – 9.15am	Introduction, opening prayers and welcome	H.E. Shaikha Al Dhaheri, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD), UAE Rouba Abou-Atieh, Convention for Migratory Species (CMS), UAE
9.15 – 9.30am	Introduction to CMS Dugong MOU	Gabriel Grimsditch, CMS
9.30 – 10am	Dugong populations in the United Arab Emirates: science and management <i>20-minute presentation</i> <i>10-minute Q&A</i>	Maitha Al Hameli & Himansu Das, EAD
10 – 10.30am	Dugong populations in Saudi Arabia: science and management <i>20-minute presentation</i> <i>10-minute Q&A</i>	Tareq Al Qahtani & Sultan Al-Turki, National Center for Wildlife (NCW), Saudi Arabia
10.30 – 11am	Coffee break	
11 – 11.30am	Dugong populations in Qatar: science and management <i>20-minute presentation</i> <i>10-minute Q&A</i>	John Wong, Independent expert, Qatar
11.30 – 12pm	Dugong populations in Bahrain: science and management <i>20-minute presentation</i> <i>10-minute Q&A</i>	Abdulqader Khamis, Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH), Bahrain
12 – 1pm	Expert Panel 1: A global report on the status and trends of dugong populations: Arabian Gulf as the exemplar (part 1)	Helene Marsh, James Cook University (JCU), Australia Maitha Al Hameli (EAD) Abdulqader Khamis (ARC-WH) Tareq Al Qahtani, (NCW) John Wong (Independent expert)
1 – 2pm	Lunch and prayer break	

2 – 3pm	Expert panel 2: The use of dugong bycatch questionnaires for science and management <i>Short presentation followed by interactive moderated panel discussion</i>	Nick Pilcher, NCW / Marine Research Foundation (MRF) (lead) Tareq Al Qahtani, NCW Abdulqader Khamis, ARC-WH Helene Marsh, JCU
3 – 3.45pm	Closing and recap	Gabriel Grimsditch, CMS
3.45pm	Group photo Coffee and snacks available after close	

Day 2: May 03, 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
8.45 – 9am	Welcome to Day 2 and overview of agenda for the day	Gabriel Grimsditch, CMS
9 – 10.30am	Expert panel 3: Aerial surveys: objectives, platforms, and use of Artificial Intelligence <i>Short presentation followed by interactive moderated panel discussion</i>	Chris Cleguer, JCU (lead) Maitha Al Hameli, EAD Abdulqader Khamis, ARC-WH John Wong, Independent expert Tareq Al Qahtani, NCW
10.30 – 11am	Coffee break	
11 – 12.30pm	Presentation on necropsies	Daniela Denk, SeaWorld, UAE Helene Marsh, JCU
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch and prayer break	
1.30pm – 3pm	Expert panel 4: Opportunities for insights from live-stranded and necropsied dugongs <i>Interactive moderated panel discussion</i>	Helene Marsh, JCU (lead) Daniela Denk, SeaWorld Chris Cleguer, JCU John Wong, Independent expert Paola Marron, Worldwide Zoo Consultants, UAE
3 – 3.15pm	Coffee break	
3.15 – 4.45pm	Expert panel 5: A global report on the status and trends of dugong populations: Arabian Gulf as the exemplar (part 2) - Research priorities and management decisions	Gabriel Grimsditch, CMS (lead) A. Country Comments: Maitha Al Hameli, EAD Abdulqader Khamis, ARC-WH John Wong, Independent expert Tareq Al Qahtani, NCW B. External Comments: Nick Pilcher, NCW / MRF Chris Cleguer, JCU Helene Marsh, JCU
4.45 – 5pm	Closing and recap. Briefing on field trip.	Gabriel Grimsditch, CMS

Day 3: May 04, 2023

Field trip with workshop participants to Sea World to observe a dugong necropsy.