



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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OUTLINE FOR THE SUB-REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Much of the first afternoon of Monday, 8 September, is reserved for consultations in smaller sub-regional groups¹, to allow for exchange of ideas and experiences among countries with geographic affinity. The sessions can allow for short presentations from countries on significant developments since the Sixth Meeting of Signatory States (January 2012); and for more in-depth discussion of issues that will arise in the plenary session of the meeting. Unless the group decides otherwise, the respective sub-regional Focal Point is expected to chair each session (i.e. WIO: Madagascar; NWIO: United Arab Emirates; NIO: India; SEA⁺: Indonesia). A rapporteur should be appointed from each group to prepare a summary report (in writing) and to briefly present the key points arising from the group's discussions, in plenary (on Wednesday morning, 10 September).

The following common structure is proposed for each sub-regional consultation; however groups are free to add additional agenda points as necessary (within the time available). For ease of reference, the summaries of the group discussions at SS6 are attached hereto.

- 1. Brief (up to 5 min.) country presentations highlighting key activities undertaken since Jan. 2012**
e.g. interesting research findings, genetics/satellite tracking results, new protected areas / conservation centres, innovative community-based conservation programmes, new management guidelines, significant enforcement problems / actions etc.
- 2. Present status of fisheries interacting with marine turtles**
e.g. any new information available on the nature of the fisheries; any results from new studies on fishery-turtle interactions; any new mitigation measures successfully introduced?
- 3. Issues / problems concerning illegal take and trade in marine turtles**
e.g. illegal trade with a transboundary dimension in need of bilateral cooperation?
- 4. Coastal development issues**
e.g. major development projects initiated or planned, with potential impacts on turtles?
- 5. Future / planned national activities and opportunities for sub-region collaboration** (e.g. satellite tracking or genetics studies, by-catch mitigation trials, personnel exchanges for training purposes, joint development and/or distribution of public awareness materials etc.)
- 6. Use of, and contributions to, various IOSEA Online Tools:** International Flipper Tag Database, Satellite Tracking Metadatabase, Bibliography Resource, Genetics Directory, Projects Database, etc.
- 7. Reporting on marine turtle conservation activities / developments of other relevant organisations** (e.g. PERSGA, ROPME, IOTC, WIOMSA, SAARC, SEAFDEC, BOBLME etc.)
- 8. Details of planned meetings, workshops of possible relevance to other countries**
- 9. National / sub-regional Focal Point responsibilities** (& representation through IOSEA SS9) – Doc.12
- 10. Any other business** (e.g. advanced discussion of particular agenda items, such as 7a, 7b, 8b, 8c etc.)

¹ IOSEA sub-region: **South-East Asia⁺**: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam + Australia, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States; **Northern Indian Ocean**: Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; **Northwest Indian Ocean**: Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen; **Western Indian Ocean**: Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania.