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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 1.4

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(as at 29 August 2012)

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| 9am | 1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS | | |
| | 1.1 Welcoming Remarks The meeting will be formally opened at 9.00am on the morning of 8 September 2012 by representatives of SPREP and the CMS Secretariat. | | |
| | 1.2 Signing Ceremony The Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region (Pacific Cetaceans MOU) will be opened for signature to any authorised official representing their Country or Territory. | | |
| | 1.3 Election of Officers The Secretariat will invite the meeting to elect a chairperson from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance. | | Chairperson elected. |
| | 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule The chair will invite the meeting to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. A provisional list of participants will be circulated to collect any additional names/contact details. | Doc.1.4.1 Doc.1.4.2 | Agenda adopted. Provisional list of participants updated. |
| | 2. OPENING STATEMENTS It is not envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting; however meeting participants may wish to draw attention to any written statements submitted for the Meeting's information. | | |
| | 2.1 Signatories Signatories may wish to draw attention to their written statements. | | |

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| | <p>2.2 Collaborating Organizations Collaborating Organizations may wish to draw attention to their written statements.</p> | Inf.2.2 | |
| | <p>2.3 Observers Observers may wish to draw attention to their written statements.</p> | | |
| | <p>3. REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU AND ACTION PLAN</p> | Inf.3 | |
| | <p>3.1 Secretariat The Secretariat will present its report for the meeting's consideration.</p> | Doc.3.1 Inf.3.1.1 Inf.3.1.2 Inf.3.1.3 | <p>Guidance on ways and means to increase the membership in the MOU given. Possible avenues for funding suggested and pledges for (co-)funding of the CMS Pacific Officer position made. Implications of CMS Resolution 10.9 for the MOU considered and guidance given to the Secretariat regarding priorities for the region.</p> |
| | <p>3.2 SPREP The meeting will be invited to note the SPREP report on the implementation of the MOU Action Plan.</p> | Doc.3.2 | Responsible national agencies encouraged to provide updates on MOU Action Plan implementation to CMS and SPREP. |
| | <p>3.3 Technical Advisory Group The TAG Coordinator will present her report on activities since MOS2.</p> | Doc.3.3 Inf.3.3 | Comments on the outline of the sea-bed mining information document given. |
| | <p>4. ADOPTION OF WHALE AND DOLPHIN ACTION PLAN</p> | | |
| | <p>4.1 Endorsement of SPREP WDAP as MOU Action Plan In line with past practice, the meeting will be invited to consider the SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan (2013-2017) for adoption as the Action Plan for the Pacific Cetaceans MOU.</p> | Doc.4.1 | Revised SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan (2013-2017) adopted as the Action Plan for the Pacific Cetaceans MOU. |

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| | <p>4.2 Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan In line with the MOS2 endorsement of the development of this plan, the meeting will be invited to consider endorsing the final draft.</p> | Doc.4.2 | Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan endorsed. |
| | <p>4.3 2014 Pacific Year of the Whale The meeting will be invited to note the plan, outlined in the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan 2013-2017, to declare the year 2014 as Pacific Year of the Whale.</p> | | Suggestions for the observation and initial pledges for financial or in-kind support made. |
| <i>1pm</i> | <i>Lunch Break</i> | | |
| 2pm | 5. CO-ORDINATION OF THE MOU | | |
| | <p>5.1 Technical Advisory Group The Secretariat will present proposals concerning the future operation of the Technical Advisory Group.</p> | Doc.5.1 | <p>Continuation of the Pacific Cetaceans MOU Technical Advisory Group endorsed.</p> <p>Areas of additional expertise and/or persons that may be useful additions to the TAG considered.</p> <p>Offers to coordinate the TAG considered, and a coordinator for the period between MOS3 and MOS4 endorsed.</p> <p>Proposal to create an online workspace for the TAG endorsed and pledges for covering installation costs made.</p> <p>TAG instructed to provide specific technical support as required.</p> |
| | <p>5.2 Reporting The Secretariat will present proposals concerning reporting against the MOU.</p> | Doc.5.2 | <p>Possible mechanisms for improved reporting against the MOU suggested.</p> <p>Secretariat instructed to undertake consultations with TAG and other interested Signatories to develop a reporting format and determine a mechanism for consistent submissions.</p> |
| | <p>5.3 Funding The Secretariat will summarize funding needs highlighted in other documents.</p> | Doc.3.1 Doc.5.1 | Guidance on funding sources given and pledges for financial or in-kind support made. |

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| | <p>6. ISSUES ARISING FROM CMS COP10</p> <p>The Secretariat will highlight relevant outcomes of the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS and outline their potential applicability for the MOU.</p> | <p>Doc.6.1 Doc.6.2 Doc.6.3</p> | <p>Relevance of any of the highlighted CMS COP10 Resolutions discussed and Secretariat or Technical Advisory Group instructed accordingly.</p> <p>Applicability of ecological networks to cetaceans in the Pacific Islands Region discussed.</p> <p>Coordinating between CBD, UNFCCC and CMS National Focal Points to integrate ecological networks into national environmental planning considered.</p> <p>Technical Advisory Group requested to collate Pacific Signatory technical input and to provide that input to the CMS strategic review on ecological networks.</p> <p>Technical Advisory Group invited to consider presenting this work to the 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas as a contribution on behalf of the Signatories.</p> <p>Secretariat instructed to commence a correspondence process which combines the areas of work related to the CMS Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans, CMS Scientific Council review process concerning concerted and cooperative action species, and the process for developing Medium-term Implementation Priorities for the Pacific Cetaceans MOU.</p> |
| | <p>7. ALLIANCES, SYNERGIES AND COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES</p> <p>This item responds to the MOS2 request to ‘regularly report on the progress of alliances, synergies and complementary activities at future meetings, maintaining an agenda item specifically focusing on this area of MoU development’.</p> | | |

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| | <p>7.1 Regional</p> <p>The Secretariat will outline the opportunity to integrate cetacean conservation into the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.</p> | Doc.7.1 | <p>Current status of migratory species in respective country NBSAPs or other relevant national plan / policy confirmed.</p> <p>National representatives to the 2012 PI NBSAP review workshop encouraged to extract and integrate relevant priority actions from the MoU AP / SPREP WDAP, into national plans (e.g.: NBSAPs etc.).</p> |
| | <p>7.2 International</p> <p>The Secretariat will orally brief the meeting on collaboration with other bodies such as CITES and IWC and summarize cooperation opportunities highlighted in other documents.</p> | | <p>Opportunities for synergies with other fora noted and guidance on priorities given.</p> |
| | <p>7.3 CMS Small Grants Programme</p> <p>The Secretariat will outline the process and outcome of the 2012 round of Small Grants Applications and explain eligibility criteria for coming calls for proposals.</p> | Doc.7.3 | <p>Necessary steps to become eligible for the next round of Small Grants Programme applications considered.</p> |
| | <p>8. NEXT MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES</p> <p>The Signatories will be invited to consider the periodicity of future MOU meetings and a possible date for their next meeting. Financial implications will be considered. Finally, expressions of interest to host the next MOU meeting will be considered, along with any other pledges for financial or in-kind support.</p> | | |
| | <p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.</p> | | |
| 6pm | 10. CLOSURE OF MEETING | | |