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FOURTH MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO  
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR  
THE CONSERVATION OF CETACEANS AND THEIR  
HABITATS IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

5-6 August 2021, *Online*

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE**

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<b>Thursday 5 August 2021</b>		
11:30	<i>The online session will be opened. Participants can log in anytime between 11:30 and 12:00 West Samoa Time (WST), and test video and audio connections.</i>	
<b>12:00</b>	<b>1. Opening of the Meeting and Organisational Matters</b>	
	<b>1.1. Welcoming Remarks</b> The meeting will be formally opened by representatives of SPREP and the CMS Secretariat.	
	<b>1.2. New Signatories</b> Any news Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region (Pacific Islands Cetaceans MOU) will be announced. The Secretariat welcomes new expressions of interest from a Country or Territory to sign.	
	<b>1.3. Election of Officers</b> The Secretariat will invite the meeting to elect a Chairperson from among the representatives in attendance.	
	<b>1.4. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule</b> The Chair will invite the meeting to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under item 6 (Any Other Business) may be suggested.	<a href="#">Doc.1.4a</a> (Rev.5) Provisional Agenda <a href="#">Doc.1.4b</a> (Rev.1) Provisional Annotated Agenda <a href="#">Doc.1.4c</a> Provisional List of Participants
<b>12:30</b>	<b>2. Reports on Implementation</b>	
	<b>2.1. Report of the Secretariat</b> The Secretariat will present its report for the meeting's consideration. Signatories may wish to give comments or guidance.	<a href="#">Doc.2.1</a> Report of the Secretariat

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12:40	<p><b>2.2. Report from SPREP</b>            SPREP will present its report for the meeting's consideration. Signatories may wish to give comments or guidance.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.2.2</a> Report from SPREP  <a href="#">Inf.2.2</a> Whales in a Changing Ocean</p>
12:50	<p><b>2.3. Summary of the Status of Implementation of the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan</b>            SPREP will present a summary report. Signatories will be encouraged to provide updates on the Action Plan implementation to CMS and SPREP in writing.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.2.3</a> Regional Marine Species Action Plans Implementation Review 2021  <a href="#">Inf.2.3</a> Whales in Warming Water</p>
	<p><b>2.4. Reports from Collaborating Organizations on Implementation of the MOU</b>            Collaborating Organizations may wish to draw attention to their written reports.</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.2.4a</a> South Pacific Whale Research Consortium  <a href="#">Inf.2.4b</a> Whale and Dolphin Conservation  <a href="#">Inf.2.4c</a> International Fund for Animal Welfare</p>
<b>Break 13:15-13:30 WST</b>		
13:30	<p><b>3. Strategic Focus</b></p>	
	<p><b>3.1. Conservation Issues</b></p>	
13:30	<p><b>3.1.1 Review of Pacific Cetaceans and Threats Report</b>            Presentation will be given by Dr. Cara Miller (University of the South Pacific).</p>	
13:45	<p><b>3.1.2. Disentanglement</b>            Presentation will be given by David Mattila (International Whaling Commission).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.2</a> Abstract: Responding to Large Whale Entanglement: A Global Initiative of the International Whaling Commission</p>
14:00	<p><b>3.1.3. Fish Aggregating Devices – Extent and Management in the Region</b>            Presentation will be given by Maurice Brownjohn (Parties to the Nauru Agreement).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.3a</a> Report on Analyses of the 2016/2020 PNA FAD Tracking Programme  <a href="#">Inf.3.1.3b</a> Abstract: FADs and Cetaceans in the PNA purse seine fishery</p>

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14:15	<p><b>3.1.4. Important Marine Mammal Areas</b> Presentation will be given by Dr. Rochelle Constantine (University of Auckland).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.4</a> Abstract: IMMAs in the Pacific <a href="#">CMS Res.12.13</a> IMMAs</p>
14:30	<p><b>3.1.5. Marine Tourism</b> Presentation will be given by Teisa Fifita (Ministry of Tourism, Tonga).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.5</a> Abstract: Whale Watching and Swimming in the Kingdom of Tonga <a href="#">CMS Res.11.29 (Rev.COP12)</a> Sustainable Boat-based Marine Wildlife Watching <a href="#">CMS Res.12.23</a> Sustainable Tourism and Migratory Species</p>
14:45	<p><b>3.1.6. Strandings</b> Presentation will be given on Strandings of Oceania by Hannah Hendriks (SPREP), and on the IWC Strandings Initiative by Prof Karen Stockin (Massey University).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.6a</a> Abstract: Overview of the Strandings of Oceania Database <a href="#">Inf.3.1.6b</a> Abstract: IWC Strandings Initiative</p>
<b>Break 15:00-15:15 WST</b>		
15:15	<p><b>3.1.7. Aquatic Wild Meat</b> Presentation on traditional take will be given by Josef Hurutarau (MECDM Conservation, Solomon Islands).</p>	<p><a href="#">CMS Res.12.15</a> Aquatic Wild Meat</p>
15:30	<p><b>3.1.8. Deep Sea Mining</b> Presentation will be given by Dr. Simon Childerhouse (Cawthron Institute).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.8</a> Predicting the Impacts of Mining Deep Sea Polymetallic Nodules in the Pacific Ocean: A Review of Scientific Literature</p>
15:45	<p><b>3.1.9. Climate Change</b> Presentation will be given by Dr. Viv Tulloch (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, CSIRO).</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.3.1.9a</a> Nature's Solution to Climate Change <a href="#">Inf.3.1.9b</a> Pacific Island Whales in a Changing Climate <a href="#">CMS Res.12.21</a> Climate Change and Migratory Species</p>
16:30	<p><b>End of Day 1</b></p>	

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<b>Friday 6 August 2021</b>		
12:00	<p><b>3.2. Whale and Dolphin Action Plan 2022-2026</b>            In line with past practice, the meeting will be invited to consider the draft SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan (2022-2026) for adoption as the Action Plan for the Pacific Cetaceans MOU.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.3.2</a> Draft Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme / Whale and Dolphin Action Plan 2022-2026</p>
13:00	<p><b>4. Institutional Issues</b></p>	
	<p><b>4.1. National Reporting</b>            The meeting will be presented with a possible mechanism for reporting on the MOU implementation, as per the MOU text paragraph 8.</p>	
<b>Break 13:15-13:30 WST</b>		
13:30	<p><b>4.2. Technical Advisory Group</b>            The meeting will be invited to consider options for provision for technical advice to the Pacific Cetaceans MOU, including the CMS Aquatic Mammals Working Group acting as the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). TAG will be instructed to provide specific technical support as required.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.4.2</a> Options for the Provision of Technical Advice</p>
13:45	<p><b>4.3. Fundraising</b>            The meeting will be presented with a list of possible funding sources for future reference. The meeting will be invited to give guidance on funding sources.            Signatories and organizations are invited to give pledges for voluntary financial or in-kind contributions towards implementation of the Action Plan.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.4.3</a> (Rev.1) Funding Opportunities and Fundraising Resources for the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Pacific Islands Region</p>
<b>Break 14:15-14:30 WST</b>		
14:30	<p><b>5. The Way Forward</b>            Based on the discussions to this point, there will be an opportunity to consider any next steps and actions, including with other fora.</p>	
16:00	<p><b>6. Any Other Business</b>            Any topics flagged for discussion during item 1.4 will be addressed, schedule allowing.</p>	

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	<p><b>7. Date and Venue of the Fifth Meeting of the Signatories</b> The meeting will be invited to consider the date for the next MOU meeting. The Signatories will be invited to express interest to host MOS5.</p>	
<b>16:30</b>	<p><b>8. Closure of the Meeting</b> The meeting is expected to close by 16:30 (WST) on Friday, 6 August 2021.</p>	