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DATE, VENUE AND DEADLINES FOR THE FIFTH MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO THE SHARKS MOU

The Secretariat of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks (Sharks MOU) and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) wish to share the following information concerning the 5th Meeting of Signatories to the Sharks MOU (MOS5).

Date and venue of MOS5
The meeting will take place from 10 to 13 May 2027 at the UN premises in Bonn, Germany.

Documents to be made available for MOS5 and respective deadlines are established in the MOU text and in the Rules of Procedure (ROP), as adopted at the 2nd Meeting of Signatories to the Shark MOU (MOS2, 2016) and outlined below:

Timeline & document deadlines for MOS5

Deadline	Time before MOS	Action/document	Reference
11 December 2026	150 days	Signatories to submit proposals to amend the MOU, including its Annexes to the Secretariat, accompanied by supporting rationale and, as appropriate, supporting scientific evidence	Rule 20.3(a)
10 January 2027	120 days	Signatories to submit National Reports to the Secretariat	MOU para. 15(b)[1]
9 February 2027	90 days	Signatories to submit meeting documents requiring a decision by other Signatories	Rule 3.7
10 February 2027	89 days	Registration Deadline	-
10 April 2027	30 days	Signatories to submit comments on the proposed amendments to the MOU and its Annexes to the Secretariat	Rule 20.3(c)
As soon as possible after receiving the comments		Secretariat to communicate to Signatories the comments received on the proposed amendments	Rule 20.3(d)

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[1] *The specific deadline set in this context is not outlined in paragraph 15 of the MOU text but proposed by the Secretariat to allow sufficient time for the processing of the National Reports.*

All relevant meeting documents as well as further guidance on meeting logistics will be made available on the meeting website.