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Monday 10 Dec. 07			
All Day	Arrival of delegates	Fact Sheet	http://www.cms.int/sharks
15:00-18:30	Registration		Plantation Club
17:00-17:45	Heads of delegations meeting with CMS Secretariat	Delegates are kindly reminded to please bring the meeting documentation with them to the meeting. Documentation will not be available at the venue	This brief 30-45 minute meeting led by CMS will discuss inter alia chairmanship of the meeting, informal rules of procedure, credentials, meeting flow and other organisational matters such as the need for and possible chairmanship of any working groups Venue: To be announced
Tuesday 11 Dec.	Day 1		
08:30-09:30	Registration	Delegates are kindly reminded to please bring the meeting documentation with them to the meeting. Documentation will not be available at the venue	Plantation Club Delegates are kindly requested to pick up their badges and meeting material.
Morning 09:30-12:00	Agenda items 1.0 - 6.0		
	1.0 Welcoming remarks		The Seychelles representative leading this Agenda Item will introduce the Vice-President of Seychelles who will officially open the meeting. CMS will make a welcoming speech. and invite remarks from the meeting sponsors, the Governments of Australia, Germany, Seychelles and the

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			United Kingdom. Other prominent participants, including FAO, Sharks Alliance and UNEP may also be asked to make short statements
	2.0 Meeting overview	UNEP/CMS/MS/4 UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/1 UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/3 UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/4	<p>The Seychelles representative leading Agenda Item 1 will invite the CMS Secretariat to introduce the meeting, its aims and objectives and make a short presentation on the sequence of events that have led to the CMS Sharks Initiative and on how this meeting will be conducted. Delegates are asked to ensure they read UNEP/CMS/MS/4 in preparation for Day 2</p> <p>Expected outcome: Delegates aware of meeting aims and objectives, and the sequence of events that have led to the CMS Sharks initiative and the meeting, will also have an understanding of their role at the meeting</p>
	3.0 Election of officers		<p>The meeting will be invited to confirm the Chairman from Seychelles and to elect a Vice Chair from amongst the Range State representatives (including REIOs). Those selected, together with representative states from the CMS Parties and the sponsor states, will form the meeting Bureau to resolve any procedural issues. It is proposed that FAO, UNEP and IUCN should also have observer status at the Bureau</p> <p>The meeting will also be invited to establish a committee of three delegates representing Europe, Africa and Asia for the purpose of reviewing the credentials of representatives of each official delegation</p> <p>Expected outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meeting Chair and Vice Chair selected 2) Credentials committee established that will report periodically to the meeting on credentials accepted and outstanding
	4.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule, rules of procedure	UNEP/CMS/MS/1 UNEP/CMS/MS/2 UNEP/CMS/MS/3/Rev.1	<p>The meeting will be invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agree informal rules of procedure; • review the provisional agenda and schedule; • make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.

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		UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/2	<p>The documents list for the meeting will be introduced. A provisional list of participants will be circulated for updating</p> <p>Expected outcome: Informal rules of procedure agreed; agenda and meeting schedule adopted; document list introduced; provisional list of participants circulated and updated</p>
	Coffee Break		
	5.0 Conservation status of sharks defined as migratory under CMS	UNEP/CMS/MS/4 UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/7	<p>A presentation by the IUCN Species Survival Commission, Shark Specialist Group will provide an overview of the conservation status of migratory sharks and factors affecting their long-term survival</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Delegates aware of the need for an effective international instrument to secure a favourable conservation status for migratory sharks</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch break		
Afternoon 13:30-17:30	Agenda items 6.0 - 7.0		
	6.0 Existing international, regional and other initiatives to improve the conservation status of migratory sharks, including lessons learned	UNEP/CMS/MS/4 UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/5 UNEP/CMS/MS/Inf/6	<p>Presentations by FAO and CMS will inform delegates of the current legal and management status of migratory sharks</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Delegates are aware of the main global and regional measures taken to date and how effective they have been</p>
	7.0 Options for international cooperation under CMS	UNEP/CMS/MS/4	<p>The meeting will hear a presentation from the CMS Secretariat on the options under CMS for international cooperation (CMS instruments and partnership arrangements), their Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) and will be invited to consider these options. Options include the development of (1) WSSD type II partnership arrangements; (2) stand alone action</p>

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			<p>plan(s); (3) non-binding CMS Article IV MoU(s) and Action Plan(s) and (4) a binding CMS Article IV Agreement(s) and Action Plan(s). Administrative and financial considerations for each option will be discussed</p> <p>The presentation will also inform delegates of the conservation benefits that could be delivered by a CMS instrument</p> <p>FAO and RFMOs will be invited to comment on the possible value of these options in the context of IPOA Sharks, followed by other delegates' views</p> <p>Expected Outcome: The options for international cooperation under CMS on migratory sharks are presented and compared with other frameworks. Delegates are requested to prepare to present their views on Day 2 on whether there should be a legally or non-legally binding shark instrument under CMS and what its scope might be</p>
19:00 Evening 11 Dec.	Reception sponsored by the Save Our Seas Foundation		<p>A welcome cocktail for delegates and invited guests will be held on the lagoon-side in the grounds of the Plantation Club at 19:00 followed by a Gala Dinner in the adjacent Frangipani Restaurant</p>
Wednesday 12 Dec.	Day 2		
Morning 09.00-12.00	Agenda item 7.0 (continued)		
	Options for international cooperation under CMS (continued)	UNEP/CMS/MS/4	<p>Delegates will present their views on whether there should be a legally or non-legally binding shark instrument under CMS and what its scope might be</p> <p>Expected Outcome: The meeting is informed of delegates views on an instrument under CMS, linkages and synergies with current global measures, potential taxonomic and geographic coverage, cooperation and collaboration with FAO and other stakeholder organisations</p>

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	Agenda item 8.0		
	8.0 Elaboration of an option		<p>The meeting will be invited to elaborate on one or more options for international cooperation on migratory sharks under CMS or other inter-governmental frameworks. The option chosen will determine the issues to be considered in the two working groups</p> <p>One group would consider legal and institutional issues; the other would deal with scientific, technical and conservation matters</p> <p>Both working groups would consider the next steps for their respective areas of work and provide an initial report to the plenary at the latest by the end of day 2 of the meeting</p> <p>Expected outcome: Skeleton document depicting the essential elements of a CMS and/or alternative inter-governmental instrument(s) and associated action plan(s) developed; recommendations and next steps agreed by the respective working groups</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch break		
Afternoon 13:30-17:30	Agenda item 8.0 (continued)		
	Elaboration of an option (continued)		Two Working Groups begin their work immediately after lunch
	Tea Break		
	8.0 Elaboration of an option (continued)		Working groups continue as needed and provide an initial report to plenary by the end of the day. Plenary session resumes for initial working group reports and feedback
18:30-19:30 Evening 12 Dec.	Presentations		Delegates who may wish to submit posters and presentations are requested to use the request form < http://www.cms.int/sharks > and send it directly to the organizers at Seychelles using the e-mail addresses mentioned on the form

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Thursday 13 Dec.	Day 3		
Morning 09.00-12:45	Agenda items 8.0 (continued)		
	Agenda item 8.0		<p>The meeting in plenary will consider the full reports from the working groups on the one or more options elaborated and finalise meeting recommendations</p> <p>Expected Outcome: The meeting reaches agreement on its recommendations, which delegates can use to seek further endorsement from their governments for an instrument under CMS and other inter-governmental frameworks on sharks conservation</p>
	Coffee Break		
	9.0 Any other business		The Range States will be invited to propose and consider other issues not covered under the preceding agenda items
	10.0 Closure of the meeting		<p>The Chair will summarise the conclusions that have been reached</p> <p>Expected Outcome: Key conclusions and next steps confirmed</p>
12:45	Lunch and Departure		