

# IOSEA QUESTIONNAIRE – 2011 \*

## NATIONAL NETWORKS / COMMITTEES FOR MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION (Pursuant to Objective 6.4 of the IOSEA CMP)

Signatory State:

FRANCE

IOSEA Focal Point (or name  
of person completing this  
form)

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National network or Committee ( give the name, if applicable ):

GROUPE TORTUES MARINES FRANCE

**Brief Description / Status / Terms of Reference:** (Is the network/committee formally designated by legislation, ministerial accord, MoU or some other administrative formality? Or is it an *ad hoc* organisation?)

designed by the french Ministry in charge of environment, group of experts/stakeholders without formal status

Lead agency / organisation / institution:

Museum national d' Histoire naturelle

Representation in the national network / committee (*list all members*):

- **Government agencies:**
  - Ministry in charge of environment and regional/local authorities/offices
  - Ministry in charge of fisheries
  - Ministry in charge of oversea's territory
  - Ministry of foreign affaires and regional/local offices
  - Departments of environment and of fisheries of New Caledonia , Wallis and Futuna and French Polynesia
  - Terres australes et antarctiques francaises (TAAF)
  - Office national de la Chasse et de la Faune sauvage
  - Agence des Aires Marines Protegees
  - Service des affaires maritimes
  - Conservatoire du littoral
- **Academic and research organizations:**
  - Centre national de Recherche scientifique
  - Universite d'Orsay
  - Museum national d' Histoire naturelle
  - IFREMER (Institut francais pour la Recherche et l'Exploration des mers)
- **Environmental NGOs:**
  - Observation and stranding networks (RTMMF, RTMAE, RTMG, RTMM ...)
  - Rescue centers (CESTM, C.E.S.T.M., CESTMed...)

- Sea turtle conservation NGOs (WWF, Bwara, ASNNC, Te Mana O Temoana, Te Honu Tea, Chelonia Polynesia, Kap Natirel, Evasion tropicale, Sepanmar, Kwata, Oulanga Na Nyamba, SPM Frag'îles, Chelone, Société Herpétologique de France...)

- **Development and human rights NGOs:**

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- **Fisheries sector:** national, regional et local fishery committees

- **Tourism sector:**

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- **Other private sector:**

- Aquariums (La Rochelle, Noumea, Guadeloupe, Antibes ...)
- Education centers (Kelsonia...)
- Cara

- **Others:**

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#### **Specific resources for developing and maintaining the network / committee:**

Funds from French Ministry in charge of environment

#### **Means of communication (e.g. meetings, conference calls, email etc.)**

[gtmf@mnhn.fr](mailto:gtmf@mnhn.fr)

meetings and visioconferences

blog

#### **Number of meetings / conference calls held each year:**

- **2006:**
- **2007:** 1 meeting
- **2008:** 2 meetings
- **2009:** 1 meeting, 1 visioconference
- **2010:** 1 national colloquium, 1 meeting, 1 visioconference
- **2011:** 1 meeting, 2 visioconferences

#### **Most important topics of discussion (past / current ):**

Bycatch, education material, light pollution, marine debris

#### **Most important advances and contributions resulting from the work of the network / committee:**

Providing expertise to ministries, stimulate coordination exchanges, perform reflexions about priority conservation topics, synthetizing data/knowledge, sharing education material online, producing education material for fishermen,

**Most important challenges and difficulties encountered by network / committee:**

Distance between stakeholders (French territory spread throughout the planet) availability of stakeholders

**Plans for the future functioning and development of the network / committee:**

Developing links and collaboration with regional networks and action plans

**Other comments:**

The information in this form was last updated: (*month / year*):

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**\* PLEASE REFER TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONNAIRE (2008), AS APPROPRIATE**