



Memorandum of Understanding on the
Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and
their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

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NATIONAL NETWORKS / COMMITTEES

(Prepared by the Advisory Committee)

An issue as complex as the conservation of marine turtles and their habitats can only be dealt with effectively through collaborative efforts, and this includes cooperation especially the national level. Hence, the objectives of the IOSEA MoU will be most effectively promoted by insuring the development of active, collaborative national committees.

The Advisory Committee considers it useful for each delegation to provide a summary of what advances have been made in strengthening their national networks or committees, what issues need to be resolved, and what is planned for the future. Examples of best practice could be highlighted and lessons-learned documented for the possible benefit of other countries that have yet to establish their own networks/committees.

Focal Points are invited to complete the attached questionnaire (electronically or by hand) and return it to the Secretariat either before travelling to Bali or at the start of the sub-regional consultation session on 20 August. Thereafter, a synthesis of the questionnaire returns will be prepared by the Secretariat for discussion under the relevant agenda item.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

IOSEA QUESTIONNAIRE ON NATIONAL NETWORKS / COMMITTEES - August 2008

Signatory State:

Date:

Focal Point: (or name of person completing this questionnaire)

1. If the national network or committee has a name please list it:

2. Status of national network / committee (Is it formally designated by legislation, ministerial accord, MoU or some other administrative formality? or is it an ad hoc organisation?):

3. Lead agency / organization / institution:

4. Representation in the national network/committee (please list their names):

- Government agencies:

- Academic and research organizations:

- Environmental NGOs:

- Development and human rights NGOs:

- Private sector:

- Fisheries:

- Tourism:

- Others:

5. What specific resources are available for developing and maintaining the network / committee?

6. What are the means of communication?

- Meetings Telephone conference calls E-mail discussion groups
 Other

7. How many meetings were held in: 2006: 2007: 2008:

8. What have been the most important topics of discussion?

9. What are the most important advances and contributions of the network / committee's work?

10. What are the most important challenges and difficulties in the network / committee's work?

11. What are the plans for the future development of the network / committee in your country?

12. Other comments