



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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ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE FIFTH MEETING  
OF SIGNATORY STATES

The following action points have been extracted from the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Signatory States (Bali, Indonesia, August 2008). In addition to describing the action point and indicating the paragraph reference in the SS6 report, the table indicates the nature of the activity, to whom it is addressed, and any progress made towards its completion (in the remarks column)

Action theme	Action directed to:	Activity	Report para.	Remark
Membership	Non-Signatory States	Malaysia: to notify the IOSEA secretariat on the outcome of the Malaysian Government's review regarding their intention to sign the MoU	7	Malaysia signed IOSEA in September 2011
Inter-agency collaboration	Secretariat	Attempt to form partnerships with other regional bodies such as ROPME and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission	9	Secretariat participated actively in regional ROPME meeting in Nov. 2010; no specific approaches made to WCPFC so far
Inter-agency collaboration	Secretariat	Explore potential synergies with the CMS Dugong MoU (e.g. consider organising back-to-back Signatory State meetings)	62	Timing of Dugong / IOSEA MoU meetings has not coincided to make this possible so far
Implementation advice / support	Signatory States Secretariat	Translate the IOSEA DVD into Arabic	10	No Signatory State has come forward with the necessary funds for DVD production
Implementation advice/ support	Secretariat	Student interns to be engaged to explore the IOSEA website / database for useful observations for decision-making purposes	15	2 of 3 interns engaged during reporting period worked with the Online Reporting Facility
Implementation advice / support	Secretariat / Signatory States	Analyse and reflect upon the advantages of converting the MoU into a legally binding instrument	64	Analysis of Signatory State responses does not suggest strong support for changing status quo (Doc. 6)
Implementation advice/ support	Secretariat / Working Group Signatory States	Further develop the 'site network' concept document	37	Concept was thoroughly revised by secretariat / consultant, and reviewed by working group (Doc. 7)

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Implementation advice/ support	Advisory Comm. Signatory States Secretariat	Continue to develop species assessments as high priority; complete Loggerhead assessment and revisit Leatherback recommendations at SS6	20	Loggerhead assessment to be reviewed by AC; leatherback work to be revisited in Doc. 9
Reporting	Secretariat Signatory States	National reports to be made available in MS-Word format during editing process for ease of completion by stakeholders	16	Done on case by case basis; but should develop a proper Word template
Admin	Secretariat Signatory States Advisory Comm.	Circulate and request input on the SS6 draft agenda at least 3 months prior to meeting of the Signatory States	35	Meeting agenda was circulated on 8 July 2011
Finance	Secretariat Signatory States	Circulate letter inviting additional voluntary contributions from Signatory States.	47	Done; stimulated some new (first-time) voluntary contributions