



**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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Agenda Item 9.1

UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF IOSEA NETWORK SITES

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Action Requested:

- Take note of the reports
- Provide comments as appropriate

UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF IOSEA NETWORK SITES

1. It has been close to five years since the 7th Meeting of Signatory States accepted the first ten Sites into the Network of Sites of Importance for Marine Turtles in the Indian Ocean - South-East Asia Region (IOSEA Site Network for short). The Secretariat therefore invited all countries responsible for a site to provide an update on progress and developments since its designation.
2. For ease of reference, here a list of the ten Sites with a direct link to their original Site Information Sheet:
 - [Aldabra Atoll](#) (Seychelles)
 - [Bu Tinah Shoal](#) (Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.)
 - [Europa Island](#) (France)
 - [iSimangaliso Wetland Park](#) (South Africa)
 - [Itsamia, Mohéli](#) (Comoros)
 - [Rufiji-Mafia Seascape](#) (United Rep. of Tanzania)
 - [Sheedvar Island](#) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
 - [Sir Bu Na'air](#) (Sharjah, U.A.E.)
 - [Thameehla Island](#) (Myanmar)
 - [Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary](#) (Philippines)
3. Responses are being made available in separate documents in the order received.