



**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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9TH MEETING OF THE SIGNATORY STATES
Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, 24-27 June 2024
Agenda Item 4

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Day 1	Agenda Items	Documents	Annotations and Action Requested
Monday, 24 June			
8:00-8:45	<i>On-Site Registration</i>		
9:00-12:30 (incl. break)	1. Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks	<i>no document</i>	<i>The Host and the Secretariat will deliver welcome addresses. The Secretariat will open the meeting.</i>
	2. Signature of the Memorandum by Additional States	<i>no document</i>	
	3. Election of Officers	<i>no document</i>	<i>Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Meeting.</i>
	4. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule	Doc.4.1 Provisional Agenda and Documents Doc.4.2 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule	<i>The Secretariat will briefly introduce the aims of the meeting, expected outcomes, and structure. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the agenda and schedule.</i>
	5. Credentials Committee	<i>no document</i>	<i>Establishment of the Credentials Committee.</i>
	6. Review of Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan	<i>no document</i>	
	6.1 Report on Implementation of the Work Programme 2020-2024 by the Secretariat and Advisory Committee	Doc.6.1 Implementation of the Work Programme 2020-2024	<i>The Secretariat and a representative of the AC will provide a brief report on key activities since MOS8.</i>

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	<p>6.2 Reports of the Chairs of the Marine Turtle Task Forces and of Sub-regional Focal Points</p>	<p>Ref. 9th Meeting of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Turtle Task Force (WIO-MTTF) (2021)</p> <p>Ref. 1st Sub-Regional Meeting North-Western Indian Ocean (2021)</p> <p>Ref. 3rd Meeting of the Northern Indian Ocean Marine Turtle Task Force (NIO-MTTF) (2021)</p> <p>Ref. 10th Meeting of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Turtle Task Force (WIO-MTTF) (2022)</p> <p>Ref. 4th Meeting of the Northern Indian Ocean Marine Turtle Task Force (NIO-MTTF) (2023)</p>	<p><i>MTTF representatives will be invited to report briefly on the progress made and challenges encountered, and next steps envisaged (5 minutes each).</i></p> <p><i>Sub-regional Focal Points will also be given opportunity to highlight key developments in their sub-regions (5 minutes each).</i></p>
<i>Group Photo & Lunch Break</i>			
<p>14:00-18:30 (incl. break)</p>	<p>6.3 Analysis of National Reports</p>	<p>CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.6.3 (not available)</p> <p>Ref.: National Reports</p>	<p><i>Owing to a technical error with the national reporting tool, the Secretariat was unable to complete the analysis. A brief overview of the intensity of threats reported from index sites will be provided to assist priority setting of the Work Programme 2024-2028. The Secretariat will outline the plan for the analysis to be completed after the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretariat will also report on comments received on the questionnaire. The meeting will be invited to discuss whether any changes to the reporting format are desired.</i></p> <p><i>All reports received in advance of the meeting are available online.</i></p>

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	7. Further Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan	<i>no document</i>	
	7.1 Draft Work Programme 2024-2028	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.7.1	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document, which was developed in close collaboration with the AC. Later, the meeting will split into sub-regional or thematic working groups to review, revise as appropriate and prioritize the Draft Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
	7.2 Capacity-Building Strategy	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.7.2	<i>AC Members Whiting and Tiwari will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide the way forward and how it should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
	7.3 National Networks	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.7.3	<p><i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide the way forward and how it should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting will also be invited to advise whether the current National Report sufficiently covers reporting needs on National Networks, and if not, decide whether improvements should be taken up in the context of a revision of the National Report template or the self-standing questionnaire should be reviewed and reinstated.</i></p>
	<i>Establishment of Sub-Regional Working Groups</i>		<i>The working groups will convene to choose their chairperson, discuss their agenda and start work on the Draft Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>

Day 2	Agenda Items	Documents	Annotations and Action Requested
Tuesday, 25 June			
8:30-12:30 (incl. break)	<i>Recap of Day 1</i> <i>Outline of work for Day 2</i>		
	8. Conservation of Marine Turtles and their Habitats	<i>no document</i>	
	8.1 Network of Sites of Importance for Marine Turtles in the Indian Ocean - South-East Asia Region	<i>no document</i>	
	8.1.1 Updates from Existing Sites	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.1 (Bu Tinah Shoal, United Arab Emirates) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.2 (iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site, South Africa) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.3 (Europa Island, France) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.4 (Rufiji-Mafia Seascape, Tanzania) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.5 (Con Dao National Park, Viet Nam) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.6 (Aldabra Atoll, Seychelles) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.7 (Sir Bu Nair Island, United Arab Emirates) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.8.1.1.8 (Sheedvar Island, Iran)	<i>Participants representing an existing Site will be given opportunity to report briefly on progress/developments since MOS8 (max. 5 minutes each).</i>

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	<p>8.1.2 Proposals for Inclusion into the Network of Sites of Importance for Marine Turtles in the Indian Ocean South-East Asia Region</p>	<p>CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.1.2 CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.1.2.1 (Al Qurm Protected Area, United Arab Emirates) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.1.2.2 (Cox’s Bazar Coast, Bangladesh) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.1.2.3 (Sharma, Jathmoun & Dhargum, Yemen) CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.1.2.4 (Khore Omiera, Yemen)</p>	<p><i>Proponents will present their proposals for inclusion of additional sites in the IOSEA Site Network.</i></p> <p><i>The AC will present the results of their evaluations of the proposals.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting will be requested to decide on the sites’ inclusion in the Site Network.</i></p>
	<p>8.1.3 Maximizing the Benefits of Inclusion in the Site Network</p>	<p><i>no document</i></p>	<p><i>The meeting will be invited to have an open discussion on how to maximize the benefits of inclusion in the Site Network, and will decide the way forward and how it should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i></p>
	<p>8.2 Beach Management and Hatchery Practices</p>	<p>CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.2</p>	<p><i>AC Member Nel and her collaborator Phillott will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to endorse its publication under “Capacity-Building Resources” on the MOU website, consider the recommendations and decide how they should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i></p>
<p><i>Lunch Break</i></p>			

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14:00-18:30 (incl. break)	8.3 Critical Habitat	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.3	<i>AC Member Whiting will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to endorse its publication under “Capacity-Building Resources” on the MOU website and advise whether further guidance is required.</i>
	8.4 Illegal Take and Trade	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.4	<i>The Secretariat and Chair of the ITWG will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide the way forward and how it should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
	8.5 Single Species Action Plan for the Hawksbill Turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>) in South-East Asia and the Western Pacific Ocean Region	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.8.5 Ref.: UNEP/CMS/COP14/Inf.27.6.1	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to adopt the Single Species Action Plan. A representative of WWF will introduce the Marine Turtle Legislative Review in the Asia-Pacific Region. The meeting will be invited to decide how it should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
	<i>Continuation of Sub-Regional Working Groups</i>		<i>The working groups will convene to continue their work on the Draft Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
18:30-19:15	WWF Information Session on ShellBank and Online Database Launch		

Day 3	Agenda Items	Documents	Annotations and Action Requested
Wednesday, 26 June			
8:30-12:30 (incl. break)	<i>Recap of Day 2</i> <i>Outline of work for Day 3</i>		
	11. Financial and Administrative Matters	<i>no document</i>	
	11.1 Review of Income and Expenditures 2019-2024	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.11.1	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to note the report and provide comments.</i>
	11.2 Indicative Budget for 2025-2028	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.11.2	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide on the budget for the coming intersessional period, decide the indicative scale of contributions, and approve the Terms of Reference for the Trust Fund.</i>
	9. Partnerships and Collaboration	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.9	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to give guidance on suitable mechanisms and priorities for collaboration, both at institutional and at national level, and decide how these should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>

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	9.1 Convention on Migratory Species and Related Agreements	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.9.1	<p><i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to review the outcomes of CMS COP14 and consider the AC's proposals on how the turtle-related mandates could be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i></p> <p><i>Further, the meeting will be invited to decide on whether and how reference to the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032 should be made.</i></p>
	9.2 Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and other RFMOs	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.9.2	<p><i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide whether the recommendations are adequately reflected in the draft Work Programme 2024-2028.</i></p>
	9.3 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Inf.9.3	<p><i>The Secretariat will brief the meeting on main developments since MOS8.</i></p>
	9.4 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	Ref.: Ramsar Sites and Marine Turtles – An Overview	<p><i>The Secretariat will brief the meeting on main developments since MOS8.</i></p>
	10. Outreach	no document	
	10.1 New Features of the Website	no document	<p><i>The Secretariat will give a brief tour of the main features of the website.</i></p> <p><i>AC Member Limpus will introduce the main features of TurtleNet, a mapping tool displaying distribution and abundance of marine turtle breeding and migration.</i></p>

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	10.2 Fact Sheets and Other Outreach Material	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.10.2	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide whether and how development of Fact Sheets and website-related activities should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
	10.3 Lessons Learnt from WSTD2021	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.10.3	<i>AC Member Mohd Jani will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to review the recommendations for future events and how these should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
<i>Lunch Break</i>			
14:00-16:00	<i>Continuation of Sub-Regional Working Groups</i>		<i>The working groups will convene to continue their work on the Draft Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>			
16:30-18:30	<i>Report back of the Sub-Regional Working Groups</i>		<i>The working groups will report back on their revisions and prioritization of the Draft Work Programme 2024-2028. Outputs of working groups will be discussed, and the Secretariat will integrate them overnight into the Draft Work Programme.</i>

Day 4	Agenda Items	Documents	Annotations and Action Requested
Thursday, 27 June			
8:30-12:30 (incl. break)	<i>Recap of Day 3</i> <i>Outline of work for Day 4</i>		
	Continuation of Agenda Item 7.1: Draft Work Programme 2024-2028	<i>In-session document</i>	<i>The Secretariat will present the revised version of the Draft Work Programme for final discussion and adoption.</i>
<i>Lunch Break</i>			
14:00-18:30 (incl. break)	12. Institutional Matters	<i>no document</i>	
	12.1 Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.12.1	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt revised Terms of Reference to take effect immediately.</i>
	12.2 Advisory Committee Membership	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.12.2	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. A representative of the AC will present their recommendations regarding the candidates for new members. The meeting will be invited to decide on re-appointments and appointments.</i>
	12.3 Nomination of Focal Points	<i>no document</i>	<i>The Secretariat will give an overview of the status of nominations and report on findings related to the possibility of designating administrative, technical or other additional Focal Points for discussion and guidance.</i>
	12.4 Sub-regional Focal Points	<i>no document</i>	<i>The sub-regional groups will be invited to designate their Focal Points.</i>

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	12.5 Key Performance Indicators	CMS/IOSEA/MOS9/Doc.12.5	<i>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to decide on further steps, including the potential establishment of an AC-led working group, and on how this should be reflected in the Work Programme 2024-2028.</i>
	12.6 Next Meeting of the Signatory States (MOS10)	<i>no document</i>	<i>The Secretariat will remind Signatory States of the requirements for hosting the meeting and call for offers to host.</i>
	13. Closure of the Meeting	<i>no document</i>	

Friday, 28 June
<p>Excursion Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: full-day trip to Mbudy Island • Option 2: full-day city tour of Dar es Salaam