



**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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PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. Signatory States to the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU are Parties, Signatories or Members to numerous international instruments and organisations that are relevant for different aspects of marine turtle conservation.
2. Collaboration with and between international instruments is essential for marine turtle conservation in the Indian Ocean South-East Asia region as it can e.g. promote a unified approach, facilitate policy alignment, foster data exchange and monitoring, and support capacity building. Understanding the requirements and obligations outlined in these agreements enables policymakers to ensure that national policies and regulations are in alignment with international standards, and to make use of guidance and support available from all these instruments, even if responsibility for them at national level lies with someone else.
3. Accordingly, measure #90 in the Work Programme 2020-2024 requested the Secretariat to “*identify relevant Agreements and provide an overview of membership of IOSEA Signatory States to MOS9.*” This overview is presented in Annex 1 below.
4. For ease of reference Annex 1 has been divided into four separate tables, grouping the different instruments and organisations as follows:
 - 1) Main global conventions and agreements related to biodiversity and fisheries;
 - 2) Main regional legally binding and non-binding instruments and organizations;
 - 3) Other relevant bodies not specific to biodiversity and fisheries;
 - 4) Other relevant regional organizations and initiatives.
5. Collaboration with key partners will be discussed in more detail under agenda items:
 - 9.1 Convention on Migratory Species and Related Agreements (see [Doc.9.1](#))
 - 9.2 Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and other RFMOs (see [Doc.9.2](#))
 - 9.3 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
 - 9.4 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Action requested of MOS9:

- Review the overview of membership provided in Annex 1 and give feedback
- Consider the potential for synergies with the listed instruments and give guidance on suitable mechanisms and priorities for collaboration, both at institutional and at national level
- Decide whether collaboration and partnerships are adequately reflected in the draft Work Programme 2024-2028 (Doc.7.1)

Table 1: Participation in Global Conventions and Agreements related to Biodiversity and Fisheries

IOSEA Signatories and Range States	CMS ^[1]	CITES ^[2]	Ramsar ^[3]	CBD ^[4]	PSMA ^[5]	London Declaration ^[6]	UNCLOS ^[7]	UNFSA ^[8]	UNEP ^[9]	FAO ^[10]
Australia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bahrain	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Bangladesh	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Brunei Darussalam*		x		x			x		x	x
Cambodia		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
China*		x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Comoros		x	x	x			x		x	x
Djibouti*	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x
Egypt	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
Eritrea	x	x		x	x				x	x
France	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
India	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Indonesia		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Iran	x	x	x	x				x	x	x
Japan*		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Jordan	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
Kenya	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kuwait*		x	x	x			x		x	x
Madagascar	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Malaysia		x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Maldives	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x
Mauritius	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Mozambique	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Myanmar		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Oman		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Pakistan	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
Papua New Guinea		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Philippines	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Qatar*		x		x		x	x		x	x
Republic of Korea*		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Saudi Arabia	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x
Seychelles	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Singapore*		x		x		x	x		x	x
Somalia*	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x
South Africa	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sri Lanka	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sudan		x	x	x	x		x		x	x
Thailand		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Timor-Leste*				x	x		x	x	x	x
United Arab Emirates	x	x	x	x		x			x	x
United Kingdom	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
United Republic of Tanzania	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x
United States of America		x	x		x	x		x	x	x
Viet Nam		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yemen	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x

[*] Non-Signatory Range State. [1-10] Please refer to page 6 for the full name of each treaty/instrument and corresponding links.

Table 2: Participation in Regional Legally Binding and non-Binding Instruments and Organizations

IOSEA ^[11] Signatories and Range States	ASEAN Sea Turtle MOU ^[12]	Dugong MOU ^[13]	SPREP ^[14]	IOTC ^[15]	WCPFC ^[16]	SIOFA ^[17]	CCSBT ^[18]	Nairobi Convention ^[19]	SSME Action Plan ^[20]	CTICFF ^[21]
Australia		x	x	x	x	x	x			
Bahrain		x								
Bangladesh		x		x						
Brunei Darussalam*	x									
Cambodia										
China*				x	x	x				
Comoros		x		x		(x)		x		
Djibouti*										
Egypt		x								
Eritrea		x		x						
France		x	x	x	x	x		x		
India		x		x		(x)				
Indonesia	x			x	x		x		x	x
Iran				x						
Japan*				x	x	x	x			
Jordan										
Kenya		x		x				x		
Kuwait*										
Madagascar		x		x				x		
Malaysia	x			x					x	x
Maldives				x						
Mauritius				x		x		x		
Mozambique		x		x				x		
Myanmar	x	x								
Oman				x						
Pakistan				x						
Papua New Guinea		x	x		x					x
Philippines	x	x		x	x				x	x
Qatar*										
Republic of Korea*				x	x	x	x			
Saudi Arabia		x								
Seychelles		x		x		x		x		
Singapore*	x									
Somalia*		x		x				x		
South Africa				x			x	x		
Sri Lanka		x		x						
Sudan		x		x						
Thailand	x	x		x		x				
Timor-Leste*		x								x
United Arab Emirates		x								
United Kingdom			x	x						
United Republic of Tanzania		x		x				x		
United States of America			x		x					
Viet Nam	x									
Yemen		x		x						

[*] Non-Signatory Range State. [11-21] Please refer to page 6 for the full name of each treaty/instrument and corresponding links. (x) Cooperating non-contracting Party.

Table 3: Participation in Other Relevant Bodies (not specific to biodiversity and fisheries)

IOSEA Signatories and Range States	ADB ^[22]	World Bank ^[23]	GEF ^[24]	INTERPOL ^[25]	ASEANAPOL ^[26]	SEAFDEC ^[27]	UN Convention Against Corruption ^[28]	UNTOC ^[29]	UNODC ^[30]	WCO ^[31]
Australia	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Bahrain		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Bangladesh	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Brunei Darussalam*	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cambodia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
China*	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Comoros		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Djibouti*		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Egypt		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Eritrea		x	x	x				x		x
France	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
India	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Indonesia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Iran		x	x	x			x		x	x
Japan*	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Jordan		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Kenya		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Kuwait*		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Madagascar		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Malaysia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Maldives	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Mauritius		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Mozambique		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Myanmar	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oman		x		x			x	x	x	x
Pakistan	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Papua New Guinea	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
Philippines	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Qatar*		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Republic of Korea*	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Saudi Arabia		x		x			x	x	x	x
Seychelles		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Singapore*	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Somalia*		x	x	x			x		x	x
South Africa		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Sri Lanka	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Sudan		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Thailand	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Timor-Leste*	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
United Arab Emirates		x		x			x	x	x	x
United Kingdom		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
United Republic of Tanzania		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
United States of America	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Viet Nam	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yemen		x	x	x			x	x	x	x

[*] Non-Signatory Range State. [22-31] Please refer to page 6 for the full name of each treaty/instrument and corresponding links.

Key names and corresponding links

- [1] **CMS**: Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. <https://www.cms.int/>
- [2] **CITES**: Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. <https://cites.org/eng>
- [3] **Ramsar Convention**: Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. <https://www.ramsar.org/>
- [4] **CBD**: Convention on Biological Diversity. <https://www.cbd.int/>
- [5] **PSMA**: Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. <https://www.fao.org/3/i5469t/I5469T.pdf>
- [6] **London Declaration (IWT)**: London Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade (October 2018): Declaration. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/declaration-london-conference-on-the-illegal-wildlife-trade-2018/london-conference-on-the-illegal-wildlife-trade-october2018-declaration>
- [7] **UNCLOS**: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. https://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_overview_convention.htm
- [8] **UNFSA**: United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement. <https://www.un.org/oceancapacity/unfsa>
- [9] **UNEP**: United Nations Environment Programme <https://www.unep.org/>
- [10] **FAO**: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations <https://www.fao.org/>
- [11] **IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU**: Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia <https://www.cms.int/iosea-turtles>
- [12] **ASEAN Sea Turtle MOU**: Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN Sea Turtle Conservation and Protection <https://asean.org/>
- [13] **Dugong MOU**: Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs (Dugong dugon) and their Habitats throughout their Range <https://www.cms.int/dugong/en>
- [14] **SPREP**: South Pacific Regional Environment Programme. SPREP is an environmental programme within the Pacific Community – SPC. The Marine Species Programme of the SPREP Secretariat is a regional strategy for the conservation and management of sea turtles and other marine species and is planned to be implemented through Action plans during 2022-2026. <https://www.sprep.org/>
- [15] **IOTC**: Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. <https://www.iotc.org/> - **NPFC**: The North Pacific Fisheries Commission. <https://www.npfc.int/>
- [16] **WCPFC**: Western and Central Pacific Ocean Commission. <https://www.wcpfc.int/>
- [17] **SIOFA**: Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA). <https://www.apsoi.org/>
- [18] **CCSBT**: Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. <https://www.ccsbt.org/>
- [19] **Nairobi Convention**:
- [20] **SSME Action Plan**: Sulu Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Regional Action Plan <https://coraltriangleinitiative.org/library/regional-strategic-action-program>
- [21] **CTICFF**: Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security. <https://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org/>
- [22] **ADB**: Asian Development Bank <https://www.adb.org/>
- [23] **World Bank**: World Bank <https://www.worldbank.org/>
- [24] **GEF**: Global Environment Facility <https://www.thegef.org/>
- [25] **INTERPOL**: International Criminal Police Organization <https://www.interpol.int/>
- [26] **ASEANAPOL**: ASEAN National Police Organization <http://www.aseanapol.org/>
- [27] **SEAFDEC**: Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center <http://www.seafdec.org/>
- [28] **UN Convention Against Corruption**: <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/>
- [29] **UNTOC**: United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/organized-crime/intro/UNTOC.html>
- [30] **UNODC**: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime <https://www.unodc.org/>
- [31] **WCO**: World Customs Organization <https://www.wcoomd.org/>

Table 4: Participation in Other Relevant Regional Organizations and Initiatives

Regional Organizations	Participating countries	Subregion
Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) *	Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Viet Nam.	WIO, NIO, SEA+
Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) *	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.	NIO, SEA+
Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) *	Bangladesh, India, Maldives, and Sri Lanka; cooperating non-contracting parties: Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand.	NIO, SEA+
Convention on the Western Indian Ocean Tuna Organization (WIOTO) *	Comoros, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania.	WIO, NIO
Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA)	Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Viet Nam.	SEA+
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.	NWIO
Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)	Union of Comoros, Reunion (France), Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.	WIO
Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) *	Commonwealth of Australia, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Union of Comoros, French Republic, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Madagascar, Malaysia, Republic of Maldives, Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Mozambique, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Seychelles, Republic of Singapore, Federal Republic of Somalia, Republic of South Africa, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Kingdom of Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Republic of Yemen.	WIO, NWIO, SEA+
IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) *	Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.	WIO, NWIO
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) - Ocean *	Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.	WIO, SEA+
Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)	Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Timor Leste, and Viet Nam.	SEA+

Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI)	Bahrain, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.	NWIO
Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment (PERSGA, Jeddah Convention) *	Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen	WIO, NWIO
Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME, Kuwait Convention and Action Plan)	Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.	NWIO
Sodwana Declaration *	Comoros, Eritrea, France (including La Reunion and other French islands of the Indian Ocean), Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, and United Republic of Tanzania.	WIO, NWIO
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.	NIO
South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) *	Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, and Yemen.	WIO, NIO
Southern African Development Community (SADC)	Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.	WIO
The South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP)	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.	NIO
UK-Gulf Marine Environment Partnership (UK-GMEP) Programme	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom (CEFAS).	NWIO
Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge (WIOCC) (2012 - 2032)	Comoros, France-Réunion, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania and Zanzibar; European Union; Indian Ocean Commission (IOC); UNEP Nairobi Convention Secretariat; Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity; Global Island Partnership (GLISPA); Western Indian Ocean Consortium (WIO-C) including the WCS, IUCN, WWF, WIOMSA, CORDIO, IOC-Indian Ocean Commission, NEPAD and the IOC UNESCO.	WIO
Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA)	Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, South Africa, Comoros, Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius, and Réunion (France).	WIO