

Overall Objective:

To protect, conserve and recover marine turtles and their habitats through coordinated action based on the best scientific evidence, taking into account environmental, socio-economic and cultural characteristics of the Signatory States

1 September

2001

MOU enters into force

Australia, Comoros, Iran, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, USA, Viet Nam

The MOU in Numbers

25
Years

36
Signatories

4
Subregions

6
Species

MOS1 & AC1

Thailand - 14 Sigs

Secretariat established in Bangkok

MOS2 & AC2

Thailand - 18 Sigs

Eritrea, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa

2002

Cambodia, Kenya, Mauritius, UK

2003

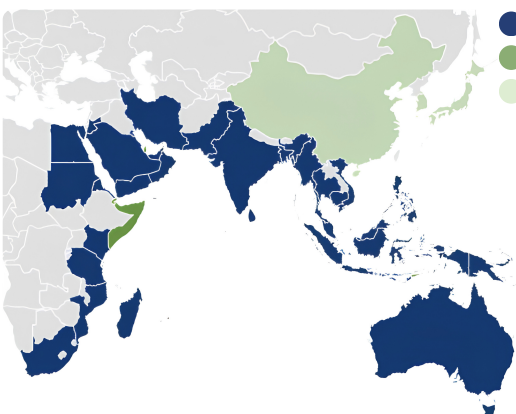
Bangladesh, Madagascar, Seychelles

Jordan, Oman, Pakistan, Thailand

2004

2005

Membership



MOS3 & AC3

Thailand - 20 Sigs

Bahrain

2006

India, UAE

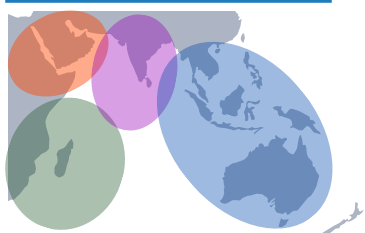
2007

WIO - MTTF

MOS4 & AC4

Oman - 22 Sigs

Subregions



Mozambique, France, Yemen

2008

MOS5 & AC5

Indonesia - 26 Sigs

Structure and Governance

Secretariat

- Coordinating body
- Organizes MOS, AC and MTTF meetings, WG calls and workshops
- Supports Focal Points and Signatory States
- Facilitates communications and reporting

Advisory Committee (AC)

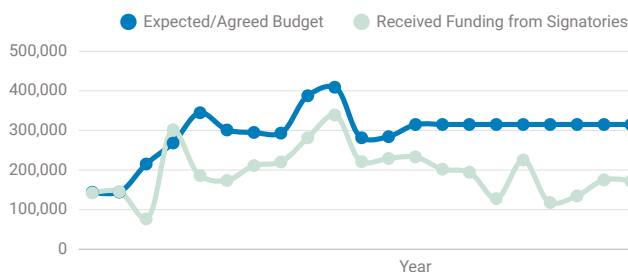
- Provides scientific and technical advice
- 10 current members, serving between 2 and 18 years
- Experts in biology, fisheries, social science
- 28 members in total since MOS1

Meeting of Signatories (MOS)

- Principal decision-making body
- Meets every ~4 years
- Adopts Work Programme and Budget
- Reviews Implementation of Work Programme



Financial Contributions (2002 - 2026; in €)



2010
Maldives, Papua New Guinea

2011
Malaysia

2012
MOS6 & AC6
Thailand - 23 Sigs

Key Initiatives

Marine Turtle Task Forces (MTTFs)



- 2 Task Forces: WIO-MTTF and NIO-MTTF
- Promote implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan at sub-regional level
- Facilitate data sharing, coordination of responses to shared threats, and capacity building

Hawksbill Single Species Action Plan (SSAP)



- Goal: address unsustainable use and trade
- Adopted at MOS9 in June 2024
- Covers South-East Asia and the Western Pacific Ocean - 33 Range States

Site Network



- Promotes long-term conservation of critical nesting beaches and habitats
- Launched in September 2014
- Currently has 15 Sites included

Public Awareness



- Core objective of the Conservation and Management Plan
- 20th Anniversary: virtual event on World Sea Turtle Day
- 25th Anniversary: Storytelling campaign and Story Map
- News published regularly on the website



Egypt, Sudan

2014

MOS7 & AC7

Germany - 23 Sigs



**2015
NIO - MTTF**

2017

Secretariat relocates to Bonn

2019

MOS8 & AC8

Viet Nam - 23 Sigs

1 Sept 2021

20th Anniversary



AC9

MOS9 & AC10

Tanzania - 26 Sigs

2024

Kuwait



25th Anniversary

2026

AC11

Threats

Climate Change



Pollution



Bycatch



Illegal Take and Trade



Population trends across all IOSEA regions and species

66

nesting beaches
reported by
Signatories in
2024

56

of those are
index beaches



7% increasing



15% stable



22% decreasing



Population Status

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Loggerhead Turtle

North East Indian Ocean & North
West Indian Ocean populations

Leatherback Turtle

South West Indian Ocean
population

Hawksbill Turtle

VU

Green Turtle

North Indian Ocean population

Olive Ridley Turtle

NT

Loggerhead Turtle

South East Ocean Indian & South
West Indian Ocean populations

LC

Green Turtle

South West Indian Ocean &
East Indian Ocean populations

DD

Flatback Turtle

Leatherback Turtle

North East Indian Ocean
population

Resources



**Species
Assessments**



Capacity-building



**Flipper Tag
Database**



TurtleNet



**Online
Library**



**National
Reports**



**Technical
Publications**