



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.9.2  
THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY  
SHARKS

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**CONSERVATION PRIORITIES FOR SHARK AND RAY SPECIES INCLUDED AND  
PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN ANNEX 1 TO THE CMS MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SHARKS**

*(Cover note prepared by the Secretariat)*

1. As detailed in the Conservation Plan (Annex 3 to the MOU), the MOU has defined general objectives for the conservation and management of species and populations listed in Annex 1 of the MOU. However, current activities in the Conservation Plan require further specification at a species and/or population level in order to address conservation and management needs more efficiently.
2. To identify the priorities for conservation for species or species groups listed and proposed for listing in Annex 1 of the MOU, the Secretariat commissioned a desk study from an expert in this field on behalf of the Advisory Committee (AC), and with financial support from the German Government.
3. The key output of this study is to advise the AC and to serve as a basis for the work of the proposed Species Working Group (SWG). As detailed in the draft Programme of Work (CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.9.1), if a SWG were to be established by the Signatories, it would use this study to develop species-specific Action Plans aiming to support the Signatories with their regional conservation and management activities.
4. The full comprehensive study highlighting and explaining the conservation priorities is available as CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Inf.12.
5. The AC will review and discuss the output of this study at AC1, immediately prior to the MOS. Recommendations on conservation priorities and on the work plan for the SWG are presented in CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.13.2.

**Action requested:**

The Meeting of the Signatories is invited to:

- a) Take note of the study on conservation priorities presented as CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Inf.12;

- b) Consider the Recommendations of the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee, which will be presented in CMS/Sharks/MOS2/Doc.13.2 after AC1;
- c) Consider the proposed conservation priorities as a basis for the work of the proposed Species Working Group (SWG) under the Advisory Committee.