

**FOURTH MEETING OF SIGNATORY STATES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DUGONGS
(*DUGONG DUGON*) AND THEIR HABITATS THROUGHOUT THEIR RANGE**

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**PROGRAMME OF WORK 2024-2027
FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE DUGONG MOU**

(Prepared by Secretariat of the Dugong MOU)

Summary: This document reports on the implementation of the Programme of Work 2017-2019 and introduces a Programme of Work to guide the work of the Secretariat during 2024-2027.

The Meeting is invited to: (a) take note of the report on implementation of the Programme of Work 2017-2019; (b) endorse the Programme of Work 2024-2027; and (c) ensure that the outcomes of MOS4 are duly reflected in the newly adopted Programme of Work.

1. At the Third Meeting of Signatory States to the Dugong MOU (MOS3, Abu Dhabi, March 2017), the Secretariat of the Dugong MOU presented a Programme of Work 2017-2019 outlining priorities for supporting the implementation of the MOU between 2017 and 2019. That Programme of Work was presented in document [CMS/Dugong/MOS3/12.1](#).
2. At MOS3, the Secretariat explained that the priorities identified in the Programme of Work 2017-2019 were to develop incentive-based projects and seek additional funding from institutions such as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the International Climate Initiative (IKI), along with funds dedicated to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Priority initiatives included: the South East Andaman Community Tourism and Seagrass Initiative, focusing on exploring community tourism opportunities, incentives and community-based enterprise models: the Aquacelerator Initiative, led and funded by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with SecondMuse; and the Gulf Collaboration Concept and Red Sea Collaboration initiatives (refer to document [CMS/Dugong/MOS3/Report*](#), paragraphs 114-126).
3. At MOS3, the Secretariat emphasized several crucial actions to advance dugong and seagrass conservation efforts. These included promoting the utilization of tools such as the [CMS Dugong Catch & Bycatch Questionnaire](#) and the [Dugong and Seagrass Research Toolkit](#). Additionally, there was a call to foster collaboration with the private sector, continue capacity-building initiatives; and facilitate knowledge-sharing through the Dugong MOU website. Furthermore, efforts to support Signatory States and Range States, work with the Dugong Technical Group (DTG), integrate dugong and seagrass conservation into mainstream policies, and engage with the broader CMS Family on cross-cutting issues such as bycatch, marine noise and vessel strikes were highlighted as essential strategies moving forward.
4. The Programme of Work 2017-2019 was endorsed at MOS3 (refer to document [CMS/DUGONG/MOS3/Report*](#), paragraph 126). To track its implementation, the Secretariat has compiled activities into a structured table provided in Annex 1 of this document. The table delineates the status of each activity and directs Signatory States to additional information on implementation progress.
5. The Secretariat extends its gratitude to the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi for the generous financial support provided to the CMS Office – Abu Dhabi on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates, enabling the Secretariat to execute activities outlined in the Programme of Work 2017-2019 since MOS3. Additionally, the Secretariat acknowledges the voluntary contribution received from Australia in 2023, further supporting the ongoing efforts to advance dugong and seagrass conservation initiatives. The financial status of the Secretariat is reported in document [UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.15.1](#).
6. The Secretariat has prepared a proposal for a new programme of work to guide its activities for the period 2024-2027. This proposed Programme of Work 2024-2027, found in Annex 2 of the current document, lists activities directed to the Secretariat from various sources, including:
 - (a) MOU Text.
 - (b) Conservation and Management Plan for the Dugong MOU, as proposed for amendment in document [UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.13.1\(Rev.1\)](#).
 - (c) Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Signatory States to the Dugong MOU adopted at MOS3, as proposed for amendment in document [UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.2](#).

- (d) Terms of Reference of the Dugong Technical Group, as presented in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.10.
 - (e) Outcomes of the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS COP14, Samarkand, February 2024).
 - (f) Relevant follow-up activities to the Programme of Work 2017-2019.
 - (g) Other activities that the Secretariat considers relevant to (continue to) engage in.
7. To implement the Programme of Work 2024-2027, the Secretariat proposes to work within available resources. Document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.15.1, on Current Financial Status and Future Funding, provides an indicative budget for 2024–2027.

Action requested

8. The Meeting is requested to:
- (a) Take note of the implementation of the Programme of Work 2017-2019 reported in paragraph 4 above and in Annex 1.
 - (b) Endorse the Programme of Work 2024-2027 as presented in Annex 2.
 - (c) In endorsing the Programme of Work 2024-2027, request the Secretariat to ensure that the following is reflected in it:
 - i. Any new activities directed to the Secretariat agreed at MOS4.
 - ii. Any changes to the contents of the column 'Mandate' needed to align with MOS4's adopted outcomes.

ANNEX 1
Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work 2017-2019

No.	Activity	Implementation Status
Incentive-Based Projects: From Concept Development to Implementation		
1.	South East Andaman Community Tourism and Seagrass Initiative: Secretariat to continue to support resource mobilization and provide technical advice to enhance the capability of communities to monitor and conserve seagrass ecosystems by harnessing the power of tourism. Share the results and lessons learnt from the Initiative and work with Range States to seek additional resources to upscale and replicate appropriate project components.	Completed: The Initiative, which concluded in May 2019, resulted in the establishment of a successful spirulina farming enterprise, and identification of other alternative livelihood options. Further detail on the Initiative is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 .
2.	Aquacelerator Initiative: Secretariat to continue to provide mentoring support and technical advice to this Australian Government-led initiative. Share the results and lessons learnt from the Initiative and work with Range States to seek additional resources to upscale and replicate appropriate project components.	Completed: The Secretariat provided mentoring support and technical advice to the Initiative and identified a lead partner to support the establishment of community-led spirulina farming enterprises under the IKI Seagrass Ecosystem Services Project. Further detail on the Initiative is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 . Document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1.2 provides information on the IKI Seagrass Ecosystem Services Project.
Gulf Collaboration Concept and Red Sea Collaboration		
3.	Gulf Collaboration Concept & Red Sea Collaboration: Secretariat to support Gulf Range States with updating the dugong conservation status in the region, identifying key threats and conservation interventions needed, and obtaining endorsement of the Gulf Collaboration Concept and finding resources for its implementation. Replicate the CMS Dugong Catch & Bycatch Questionnaire in Red Sea Range States.	Ongoing: The Secretariat supported a Regional Workshop on the Science and Management of Dugongs in the Arabian Gulf in May 2023. Further detail on the Gulf Collaboration Concept and Red Sea Collaboration is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 .
Implementation and Utilization of Existing Resources and Tools		
4.	CMS Dugong Catch & Bycatch Questionnaire: Secretariat to encourage dugong Range States to apply the questionnaire towards standardizing data collection on dugong populations. Provide advice on the questionnaire's use and options for analyzing the data collected.	Completed: A total of 9,725 questionnaires have been completed in nine Range States to date. Further detail on the implementation of this questionnaire is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 .
5.	Dugong and Seagrass Research Toolkit: Secretariat to assist targeted user groups such as researchers, non-government/civil society managers and decision-makers in Range States to integrate the Toolkit into their decision-making processes. Assist users with the	Ongoing: The Secretariat used the Dugong and Seagrass Technical Workshop in 2017 to showcase the Toolkit and demonstrate its application for context-specific research, monitoring and data collection. The Secretariat has not been able to review the Toolkit's

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	resolution of implementation challenges and share results and lessons learnt. Report on the Toolkits effectiveness at MOS4.	effectiveness due to funding and staff capacity limitations. Further detail on the implementation of this activity is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 .
6.	Global Dugong Genetics Project: Secretariat to circulate details and link to publication on project results, and to assist in the coordination of stockpiling genetic samples upon request.	Completed: Project results were published as: Plön, S et al. (2019) <i>Phylogeography of the dugong (Dugong dugon) based on historical samples identifies vulnerable Indian Ocean populations</i> . PloS one, 14: e0219350. The Secretariat did not receive any requests for assistance in stockpiling genetic samples. Further detail on the implementation of the Project is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 .
Review of the Conservation and Management Plan for the Dugong MOU (CMP)		
7.	CMP: Secretariat to coordinate a review to examine and revise the CMP, as necessary, for the consideration of Signatory States at MOS4.	Completed: Proposed amendments to the CMP and respective rationale are presented in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/Doc.13.1(Rev.1) .
Collaborations		
8.	Partnerships: Secretariat to develop a range of partnerships that can assist in the development and implementation of dugong- and seagrass-related projects and initiatives.	Completed: Since MOS3, the Secretariat has established formal and informal partnerships with a variety of stakeholders to advance the implementation of the MOU, through cooperation, conservation activities and other projects and initiative (refer to documents UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.9 and UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for more information on the Secretariat's work).
Capacity-building		
9.	Seagrass and Dugong Technical Workshop: Secretariat to host a Seagrass and Dugong Technical Workshop on 15-16 March 2017 to provide training and guidance on application of currently available and emerging research tools and methods for the conservation of seagrass ecosystems and associated biodiversity.	Completed: The Secretariat hosted the Workshop on the requested dates and its outcomes are available in the Workshop Report (refer to document CMS/Dugong/TW1/Report).
10.	DTG's advice and local expertise: Secretariat to empower Range States to make use of the DTG's advice and available local expertise.	Completed: Since MOS3, the Secretariat has worked closely with the DTG to support Signatory States in implementing the MOU. Further detail on the work of the DTG is available in document UNEP/CMS/Dugong/MOS4/Doc.10 .
11.	Relationships between Signatory States, Range States, DTG and others: Secretariat to facilitate positive working relationships between Signatory States, Range States, implementing and supporting partners, and the DTG.	Complete: Since MOS3, the Secretariat has fostered constructive working relationships between Signatory States, Range States, the DTG and other stakeholders through the facilitation of various projects and initiatives aimed at implementing the MOU. Additional information regarding the Secretariat's support is available in documents

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		UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.9 and UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1.
12.	Range States' capacity to fundraise: Secretariat to build capacity of Range States to undertake fundraising.	Completed: The Secretariat has advised and supported Range States by actively helping to develop project proposals and grant applications. Further detail on grant applications supported by the Secretariat on behalf of Range States are available in UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.15.1.
13.	English language skills: Secretariat to seek to include the provision of training for 'English as a second language' in all funding applications.	No notable progress: The Secretariat was not engaged in any funding applications where this request could apply.
Communication		
14.	GEF-5 Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project (2015-2019): Secretariat to contribute content to the Project's website and work with the Project Coordination Team to ensure the website serves as a legacy to the Project while continuing to provide an important resource for dugong and seagrass conservation globally.	Completed: The Secretariat played an active role in the design and content development of the Project's website (www.dugongconservation.org), which was launched in 2018. The website remains a repository for all project-related documents and outputs. Further detail on the Project's implementation is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1.1.
15.	Collaboration with the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising (IMCA) Unit: Secretariat to collaborate with IMCA in relation to press releases, web-stories and social media postings. Work with IMCA to maintain, further develop and enhance the Dugong MOU website.	Completed: The Secretariat utilized IMCA's expertise to amplify the reach of news, calls, events and other materials circulated on MOU-related social media channels by the Secretariat. IMCA also supported the Secretariat with the formatting and design of materials to publish and with website management.
16.	Dissemination of Dugong MOU activities: Secretariat to communicate activities in different journals and magazines.	Completed: The Secretariat used the Dugong MOU News webpage and the Dugong & Seagrass Hub webpage , along with its associated social media channels to share news on work undertaken to implement the MOU. Further detail on the dissemination of the Dugong MOU's achievements is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.9.
17.	Awareness of seagrass: Secretariat to work with Range States and other stakeholders, including educators, to more effectively communicate the importance of seagrasses, and the threats they face to local communities to improve conservation outcomes.	Completed: The IKI Seagrass Ecosystem Services Project managed by the Secretariat has a strong component about raising awareness of the value of seagrass ecosystems and is working to achieve this. The 2030 Seagrass Breakthrough initiative, spearheaded by the Secretariat, also provides a platform to raise cross-sectoral awareness of these ecosystems. Further detail on these activities is available in documents UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1.2 and UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1).
Core Activities of the Secretariat		

No.	Activity	Implementation Status
18.	Support to Signatory States with MOU implementation: Secretariat to provide efficient, effective and timely support to Signatory States (and non-Signatory Range States) to promote and assist the implementation of the Dugong MOU, including the CM.	Completed: The Secretariat has supported Signatory States as foreseen in the MOU Text, CMP, Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Signatory States to the Dugong MOU, and Terms of Reference of the Dugong Technical Group. Further detail on the support that the Secretariat has provided is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.9 .
19.	Administrative support to DTG: Secretariat to provide administrative support to the DTG, including organizing face-to-face meetings during the intersessional period between MOS3 and MOS4, subject to available resources.	Completed: The Secretariat has provided administrative support to the DTG since MOS3, enabling it to carry out its activities, including to meet online. Refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.10 for detail on the DTG's activities since MOS3. Further detail on the support that the Secretariat has provided to DTG is available in document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.9 .
20.	Mainstreaming of dugong threats: Secretariat to ensure threats to dugongs are mainstreamed and properly addressed within other cross-cutting marine-related initiatives led by the CMS Secretariat.	Complete: A number of CMS Resolutions and Decisions adopted at COP14 provide a mandate for CMS to work on minimising threats to dugongs. Further detail on how the two Secretariats have collaborated is available in document UNEP/CMS/Dugong/MOS4/Doc.9 .

ANNEX 2
Programme of Work 2024-2027 for the Secretariat of the Dugong MOU
(as endorsed at MOS4)

No.	Activity	Mandate
Core activities resulting from the Dugong MOU Text, CMP, ROP & DTAG TOR¹		
1.	Assist in the administration and implementation of the MOU by communicating with, reporting on and facilitating activities between and among Signatory States and performing such other functions as may be assigned by Signatory States.	MOU Text, paragraph 5
2.	Convene meetings of Signatory States.	MOU Text, paragraph 5
3.	Support Signatory States in exchanging relevant information necessary to achieve coordination and cooperation on conservation and management and facilitate the implementation of the CMP, including by developing and implementing mechanisms for effective exchange of information relevant to dugongs.	MOU Text, paragraph 7; CMP, Action 6.2
4.	Maintain an updated database of Signatory States' National Focal Points.	MOU Text, paragraph 8
5.	Support Signatory States in assessing the implementation of the MOU (including the CMP) at MOS5, including by making available national implementation reports received and preparing a progress review.	MOU Text, paragraphs 6 & 9; CMP, Action 7.2
6.	Support Signatory States in reviewing the need and identifying possibilities for obtaining financial resources to support: the expenses required to operate the Secretariat; carrying out activities under the MOU; and assisting Signatory States in carrying out their responsibilities.	MOU Text, paragraph 10; CMP, Action 7.3
7.	Encourage all Range States to sign the Dugong MOU and/or implement its CMP	CMP, Action 7.1
8.	Promote and build capacity at all levels to strengthen the conservation of dugongs and their habitats	CMP, Action 9.1
9.	Notify Signatory States of the venue and dates of MOS5 at least six months prior to the meeting, and of deadlines relating to the submission of proposals to be discussed at the meeting.	ROP, Rule 2.3
10.	Make all MOS5 meeting documents available to Signatory States at least 30 days before the meeting.	ROP, Rule 2.4
11.	Notify Signatory States of any logistical, funding or other limitations that may restrict the number of delegates of each Signatory State that may attend or be supported to attend MOS5.	ROP, Rule 3.1
12.	Notify Observers of any logistical or other limitations that may restrict the number of their delegates that may attend MOS5.	ROP, Rule 4.5
13.	Provide Signatory States with an example credential letter template ahead of MOS5.	ROP, Rule 5.3
14.	Examine credential letters received ahead of MOS5 and report to the meeting for final approval.	ROP, Rule 5.4
15.	Circulate summary records of MOS5 to Signatory States.	ROP, Rule 15

¹ **CMP** = Conservation and Management Plan for the Dugong MOU; **ROP** = Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Signatory States to the Dugong MOU; **DTAG TOR** = Terms of Reference of the Dugong Technical Advisory Group.

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16.	Communicate to Signatory States and as needed, the DTAG, any MOU amendment proposals received, as well as comments on those proposals.	ROP, Rule 16
17.	As required, select experts for the DTAG in close consultation with Signatory States.	DTAG TOR, paragraph 2
18.	Organize and convene meetings of the DTAG, either virtually or in person.	DTAG TOR, paragraph 3
19.	Act as intermediary between the DTAG, Signatory States and any partners, by receiving and transmitting requests and relevant information, resources and guidelines.	DTAG TOR, paragraph 4
20.	Support the CMS Secretariat with reporting on the implementation of activities relating to the Dugong MOU at CMS COP15, as appropriate.	-
Activities resulting from CMS COP14		
21.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, support the CMS Scientific Council, as appropriate, with: identifying regions where a review of relative levels of dugong bycatch in commercial and artisanal fisheries would be a priority and/or beneficial; collaborating with relevant organizations to develop regional reviews with a view to reducing bycatch; identifying and prioritizing fisheries and areas in which adverse bycatch impacts are highest; cooperating with relevant organizations to develop appropriate bycatch mitigation measures for high priority fisheries; and developing appropriate bycatch mitigation measures with associated timebound action plans.	CMS Decisions 14.DD a) & 14.CC a) on Bycatch and Other Fisheries-induced Mortality (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.1.1)
22.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, support the CMS Scientific Council with identifying priority forms of pollution affecting dugongs and reviewing the significance of these threats, including their cumulative impacts, and the localities where marine pollution and dugongs significantly intersect.	CMS Decisions 14.BB a) & 14.CC a) on Marine Pollution (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.2.1)
23.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, facilitate the exchange of information and best practices on reducing the risk of dugong vessel strikes among Signatory States, relevant organizations, and other stakeholders.	CMS Resolution XX on Reducing the Risk of Vessel Strikes for Marine Megafauna, paragraph 10 (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.2.3)
24.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, support the CMS Scientific Council with assessing vessel collision risk for dugongs, and identifying areas where conservation measures may be most needed.	CMS Decisions 14.CC a) & 14.BB c) on Reducing the Risk of Vessel Strikes for Marine Megafauna (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP 27.2.3)
25.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, support the CMS Scientific Council with: assessing the long-term effects and biological significance of boat-based and in-water interaction disturbances for dugongs; recommending areas where activities should be strictly limited to boat-based activities; investigating the desirability of developing guidance regarding the use of unmanned aerial and underwater vehicles and other relevant technologies around marine wildlife during recreational activities; and making relevant recommendations to Signatory States.	CMS Decisions 14.CC a) & 14.BB a-c) on Marine Wildlife Watching (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.3.1/Rev.1)
26.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, reach out to relevant regional and international organizations to bring to their attention the value of Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs), including of identifying such new areas, for dugong conservation planning.	CMS Decision 14.DD b) on Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.4.1)

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27.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, promote international cooperation and coordination on the conservation and sustainable management of seagrass ecosystems that have been identified as important habitats for marine migratory species, and collaborate with other relevant international instruments and processes, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	CMS Resolution XX on Conservation and Sustainable Management of Seagrass Ecosystems, paragraph 10 (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.4.3/Rev.1)
28.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, and in collaboration with Signatory States: provide technical support to Signatory States on conservation, sustainable management and research in seagrass ecosystems that are of particular importance to marine migratory species; develop and disseminate guidelines and management tools for conservation, sustainable management and research in seagrass ecosystems that are of particular importance to marine migratory species.	CMS Decision 14.DD on Seagrass Ecosystems (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.4.3/Rev.1)
29.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat and subject to the availability of external resources, facilitate the development of reviews of the conservation status and threats to dugongs and recommendations for consideration of the Scientific Council.	CMS Decisions 14.FF & 14.XX on Sirenians, Pinnipeds and Otters (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP27.5.3)
30.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, strengthen the collaboration with relevant organizations and stakeholders to address illegal and unsustainable taking of dugongs.	CMS Resolution XX on Illegal and Unsustainable Taking of Wildlife, paragraph 21 (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.30.1.1/Rev.1)
31.	In coordination with the CMS Secretariat, compile information and case studies regarding community participation in the conservation of dugongs to support the exchange of best practice experiences among Signatory States.	CMS Resolution 14.XX on Communities and Livelihoods, paragraph 4 (UNEP/CMS/COP14/CRP30.2.3/Rev.4)
Activities resulting from MOS4 (including relevant follow-up activities to the Programme of Work 2017-2019 and other activities)		
32.	Support the implementation of the IKI Seagrass Ecosystems Services Project (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1.2 for information on the Project).	MOS4
33.	Support the establishment and implementation of the 2030 Seagrass Breakthrough initiative (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the initiative).	MOS4
34.	Support the West Indian Ocean Dugong Genetics Project by facilitating involvement of interested Range States.	MOS4
35.	Support the implementation of the project 'Building Local Capacity for Sustainable Livelihoods and Community-based Conservation of Dugongs and Seagrass in Bazaruto Archipelago Region' (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Project).	MOS4
36.	Oversee the completion of the 2021 Dugong Small-Grant project awarded to the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage (ARCWH) (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Project).	MOS4
37.	Oversee the finalization of the Global Dugong Status Report (2024) (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Report).	

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38.	Support Range States with establishing an Arabian Gulf Regional Working Group, with a view to enhancing cooperation between regional Range States and improving transboundary understanding of the Arabian Gulf dugong population, and provide administrative support to the Group's functioning (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Group's status).	MOS4
39.	Explore Range States' interest in establishing a South Asia Regional Working Group, with a view to enhancing cooperation between regional Range States (India and Sri Lanka) and improving transboundary understanding of the dugong population in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay.	MOS4
40.	Promote the implementation of the CMS Dugong Catch & Bycatch Questionnaire and coordinate options to analyze the data collected across Range States, with a view to delivering a findings report for publication ahead of MOS5 (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Questionnaire's use).	MOS4
41.	Coordinate a full review of the Dugong, Seagrass Coastal Communities Initiative (DSCCI) to ensure that it remains relevant, up to date and reflects any changes to the CMP agreed at MOS4 (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Initiative).	MOS4
42.	Coordinate a review of the Dugong and Seagrass Research Toolkit to ensure that it remains relevant and up to date (refer to document UNEP/CMS/DUGONG/MOS4/Doc.12.1 for information on the Toolkit's use).	MOS4
43.	As necessary, coordinate a proposed revision of the National Report Format to ensure that it aligns with any amendments to the CMP adopted at MOS4.	MOS4
44.	Finalise and disseminate the joint CMS Office – Abu Dhabi and UNEP/ROWA policy brief on seagrass.	MOS4
45.	Maintain the Dugong MOU and the Dugong & Seagrass Hub websites and associated communications channels.	MOS4
46.	Raise awareness of the work and aims of the Dugong MOU through available communications channels.	MOS4
47.	Explore the possibility to establish a Dugong MOU partners scheme that can support the implementation of the Dugong MOU.	MOS4