



**Convention on Migratory Species
Memorandum of Understanding for the
Conservation of Cetaceans and their
Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region**

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SECOND MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES
Auckland, New Zealand, 28-29 July 2009

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Date/time	Agenda item with annotations	Relevant documents	Expected outcomes
<p>28/07/09 9.00</p>	<p>1. Introductory Items</p> <p>1.1 Welcoming Remarks</p> <p>The meeting will be formally opened at the Grand Tearoom of the Heritage Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand, at 9.00am on the morning of 28 July 2009, by representatives of SPREP and the CMS Secretariat.</p> <p>1.2 Signing Ceremony</p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region (Pacific Cetaceans MoU) will be opened for signature to any authorised official representing their Country or Territory. Eligible organizations expressing their support for the MoU and Action Plan’s implementation will also be invited to sign the MoU as Collaborating Organizations.</p> <p>1.3 Election of Officers</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to elect a chairman from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance.</p> <p>1.4 Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to agree informal rules of procedure as presented verbally. The meeting will also be invited to review the draft provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. The document list for the meeting will be introduced. A provisional list of participants will be circulated to collect any additional names/contact details.</p>	<p>Doc.1-01 rev.1: Provisional Agenda</p> <p>Doc.1-02: Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Doc.1-03: List of Documents</p> <p>Inf.1-01: Provisional List of Participants</p>	<p>Expected outcome:</p> <p>New signatures given.</p> <p>Chairman elected.</p> <p>Informal rules of procedure agreed; agenda and meeting schedule adopted.</p> <p>Provisional list of participants circulated and updated.</p>
<p>9.45</p>	<p>2. Opening Statements</p> <p>It is not envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting; however meeting participants may wish to draw attention to any written statements submitted for the Meeting’s consideration.</p>		

	<p>2.1 Signatories Signatories may wish to draw attention to any written statements submitted for the Meeting's consideration.</p> <p>2.2 Collaborating Organizations Collaborating Organizations may wish to draw attention to any written statements submitted for the Meeting's consideration.</p> <p>2.3 Observers Observers may wish to draw attention to any written statements submitted for the Meeting's consideration.</p>		
<p>10.15</p> <p>Coffee Break 10.45-11.00</p>	<p>3. Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>3.1 Status of signatures The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's report on the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Representatives from non-Signatory Countries and Territories eligible to sign the MoU will be invited to inform the meeting of their country's intention to sign the MoU. The meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership in the MoU.</p> <p>3.2 Designated Competent Authorities and Contact Points The meeting will be invited to consider a list of officially designated competent authorities and contact points from the Signatories.</p> <p>3.3 Pacific Cetaceans MoU Coordination and the Relationship with SPREP The meeting will be invited to consider the draft agreement between SPREP and CMS on future coordination of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU. The meeting may wish to consider the financial implications of this coordination proposal.</p>	<p>Doc.3-01: Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>Doc.3-02: Pacific Cetaceans MoU Coordination and the relationship with SPREP</p> <p>Inf.3-01: Status of Signatures and Agreement Summary Sheet</p> <p>Inf.3-02: Designated Competent Authorities and Contact Points</p> <p>Inf.3-03: Designated Competent Authority and Contact Point Form</p>	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>Secretariat provided with Designated Competent Authority and Contact Point Form as soon as possible.</p> <p>Possible endorsement of the CMS/SPREP proposal for CMS coordination.</p> <p>Advice on possible avenues for funding.</p>
<p>11.30</p>	<p>4. Adoption of the SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan The meeting will be invited to adopt the SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan (2008-2012) as the Action Plan for the Pacific Cetaceans MoU.</p>	<p>Doc.4-01: Adoption of the SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan (2008-2012)</p>	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>SPREP Whale and Dolphin Action Plan (2008-2012) adopted as the Action Plan for the MoU.</p>

<p>12.00</p> <p>Lunch Break 13.00-14.00</p> <p>Coffee Break 15.30-15.45</p> <p>Closure: 18.00</p>	<p>5. Review of Implementation Progress of the MoU</p> <p>The meeting will have before it a Secretariat review of implementation and a draft report format for consideration. Discussions will provide an opportunity to understand the Pacific Cetaceans MoU process to date, as well as providing the foundation for discussing medium term implementation priorities of the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan under Agenda Item 7.</p> <p>5.1 Signatory Reports on the Implementation of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU</p> <p>Signatories are invited to inform the meeting of progress made in the implementation of the MoU. Reports may also be submitted as information documents.</p> <p>5.2 Collaborating Organization Reports on Contributions towards the Implementation of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU</p> <p>Collaborating Organizations are invited to inform the meeting of progress made in supporting the implementation of the MoU. Reports may also be submitted as information documents.</p> <p>5.3 Consideration of Draft Report Format</p> <p>The meeting is invited to consider and adopt the draft report format.</p> <p>5.4 Report on Results of Year of the Dolphin 2007/2008</p> <p>The Secretariat will report on global and regional activities. Signatories and Collaborating Organizations are invited to report on YoD activities.</p>	<p>Doc.5-01 rev.1: Review of Pacific Cetaceans MoU Implementation</p> <p>Doc.5-02: Draft Pacific Cetacean MoU Implementation Report Format</p> <p>Inf.5-01: Signatory Reports on the Implementation of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU</p> <p>Inf.5-02: Collaborating Organization Reports on the Implementation of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU</p> <p>Inf.5-03: Report of the First Meeting of Signatories</p> <p>Inf.5.04: Papua New Guinea National Cetacean Research Training and Capacity Building Workshop</p> <p>Inf.5-05: Report on Results of the Year of the Dolphin 2007/2008</p>	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>Report format adopted.</p> <p>Secretariat instructed to collate, maintain and distribute as a tabular summary the regular reports collected from Signatories, with possible support from the Technical Advisory Group.</p>
<p>29/07/09 9.00</p> <p>Coffee Break 10.45-11.00</p>	<p>6. Scientific and Technical Advice</p> <p>6.1 Progress of Regional Scientific and Technical Knowledge</p> <p>The conservation status of cetaceans within the agreement area will be introduced in a brief presentation entitled <i>Update on the Current State of Knowledge of Cetaceans Threats, Diversity and Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region</i></p>	<p>Doc.6-01: Progress of Regional Scientific and Technical Knowledge</p> <p>Doc.6-02: Report of Intersessional Discussions on the Establishment of an Open-ended Technical Advisory Group to</p>	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>Secretariat requested to report regularly on the progress of regional scientific and technical knowledge at future meetings.</p> <p>Pacific Cetaceans MoU Technical Advisory Group established and</p>

<p>Lunch Break 13.00-14.00</p>	<p>prepared by the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (Inf.6-01). Other reports will also be presented and indicated as confirmations are received. Conclusions will be drawn from these reports and presentations.</p> <p>6.2 Report of Intersessional Process Discussing a Pacific Cetaceans MoU Technical Advisory Group</p> <p>The Secretariat will report on the Intersessional discussions on the establishment of an Open-ended Technical Advisory Group to support the Pacific Cetaceans MoU. Proposal/s to coordinate the Open-ended Technical Advisory Group to support the Pacific Cetaceans MoU between MoP2 and 3 will be discussed and possibly endorsed.</p> <p>6.3 Proposal to Develop an Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan</p> <p>SPREP will introduce plans to produce an Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan. This document has been endorsed by the SPREP Secretariat and the South Pacific Whale Research Consortium and is proposed for endorsement by the Signatories.</p>	<p>support the Pacific Cetaceans MoU</p> <p>Inf.6-01: Update on the Current State of Knowledge of Cetaceans Threats, Diversity and Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region</p> <p>Inf.6-02: Proposal/s to Coordinate the Open-ended Technical Advisory Group to Support the Pacific Cetaceans MoU between MOS2 and 3</p> <p>Inf.6-03: Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan – Discussion Paper</p> <p>Inf.6-04: IUCN Proposal for Separate Listing for Oceania Sub-population of Humpbacks</p> <p>Inf.6-05: CMS, CITES and IUCN Listings of Cetaceans in Waters of the Pacific Islands Region</p>	<p>coordination mechanism agreed.</p> <p>Possible endorsement of plans to develop an Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan.</p>
<p>14.00</p>	<p>7. Identifying Medium-term Implementation Priorities of the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan</p> <p>The Secretariat will propose a process for identifying medium term implementation priorities. The meeting will discuss the use of the draft reporting format; status of reports by Collaborating Organization about privately funded projects; and the proposed process outlined by the Secretariat.</p>	<p>Doc.7-01: Proposed Process for Identifying Medium Term Implementation Priorities for the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan</p>	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>Secretariat proposal for an email correspondence process to establish medium term implementation priorities adopted.</p>
<p>14.45</p> <p>Coffee Break 15.30-15.45</p>	<p>8. Alliances, Synergies and Complementary Activities</p> <p>8.1 Progress of Relevant CMS Marine Mammal Agreements</p> <p>The Secretariat will inform the meeting of progress made with other relevant CMS agreements since the first meeting of signatories.</p>	<p>Doc.8-01: Alliances, Synergies and Complementary Activities</p> <p>Doc.8-02: Facilitating Greater Collaboration between CMS Cetacean Agreements</p> <p>Inf.8-01: Progress of CMS Cetacean-related Agreements</p>	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>Secretariat requested to implement the agreed process regarding development of the Res.8.22 Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans.</p> <p>Secretariat requested to report regularly on the progress of alliances, synergies and complementary</p>

	<p>8.2 Potential MoU Contributions to Global Initiatives</p> <p>The meeting will be given opportunity to discuss various global initiatives to which the Pacific Cetaceans MoU can contribute, including CMS Res.8.22 Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans, the Coral Triangle Initiative, work on marine protected areas, the effects of climate change on cetaceans. The meeting will discuss upcoming dates of interest to this MoU.</p>		activities at future meetings.
16.00	<p>9. Implementation Tools</p> <p>The Secretariat will present the Pacific Cetaceans MoU website as a regional CMS communications mechanism on the Pacific Cetaceans MoU and related international issues.</p>	Doc.9-01: Implementation Tools	<p>Expected outcomes</p> <p>Suggestions made for implementation tools that should be developed for the Pacific Cetaceans MoU.</p>
16.30	<p>10. Next Meeting of the Signatories</p> <p>The Signatories will be invited to consider the periodicity of future MoU meetings and a possible date for their next meeting. Financial implications will be considered. Finally, expressions of interest to host the next MoU meeting will be considered, along with any other pledges for financial or in-kind support.</p>		
17.00	<p>11. Any other Business</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.</p>		
18.00	<p>12. Closure of the Meeting</p>		