



Convention on Migratory Species

Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region

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IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. A variety of tools might be developed to facilitate implementation of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU including identification guides, manuals of best practice, whale watch guidelines, online databases and educational materials.
2. While little progress specific to the Pacific Cetaceans MoU has been made in these areas, the Signatories may wish to consider what kinds of tools would be useful for the future.
3. Collaborating Organisations may also wish to consider which tools that have been developed for other fora might be adapted for the Pacific Cetaceans MoU.

Pacific Cetaceans MoU Website

4. Reflecting the regional nature of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU a dedicated website has been created to facilitate ongoing information exchange including news, announcements and access to documents between formal Meetings of the Signatories.
5. The development of this site has been donated by WDCS (Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society) as a contribution to the CMS/WDCS Partnership Agreement.
6. The website address is www.pacificcetaceans.org and it will be maintained by the Secretariat, with the ongoing Partner support, ensuring that it both mirrors the information provided on the CMS website, as well as providing regionally specific information for Signatories and Collaborating organisations.
7. The website could also facilitate the exchange of information for any technical advisory groups as the Signatories deem appropriate.
8. Acknowledging that implementation tools are an important area to develop for the Pacific Cetaceans MoU, it seems appropriate that the Secretariat should continue to compile this information together for each meeting of the Signatories under an agenda item specifically focusing on this area of MoU development.

Action requested:

The Signatories, and where appropriate other meeting participants, are requested to *inter alia*:

- Seek any clarification that might be necessary; and
- Discuss implementation tools that should be developed for the Pacific Cetaceans MoU
- Note the development of the Pacific Cetaceans MoU website.