



Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs and their Habitats throughout their Range

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NATIONAL REPORTS: REVISION OF A DRAFT TEMPLATE

Purpose

To review progress in the adoption and use of templates for reporting on implementation of the Dugong MoU.

Background

1. Paragraph 6 of the Dugong MoU calls on Signatory States to “Assess the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, including the Conservation and Management Plan, at regular meetings to be attended by representatives of each of the Signatory States concerned, and persons or organizations technically qualified in dugong conservation and management”.
2. The Dugong MoU has two associated Conservation and Management Plans (CMP): the umbrella *Conservation and Management Plan for the MoU on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs and their Habitats throughout their Range*; and the regional *Conservation and Management Plan Dugongs and their Habitats throughout their Range in the Western Indian Ocean Region*.
3. The Signatory States will need a clear and consistent basis for reporting implementation of the MoU including the CMPs. There will also need to be comparable information between reports. Signatory States will be asked to adopt formats for national reports at the present meeting, in order to establish in advance reporting at the Second Meeting of Signatory States.
4. Two draft national report templates, one relating to the umbrella CMP and the other to the regional CMP for the WIO have been prepared to facilitate the compilation and analysis of responses provided by Signatory States. It is proposed that Signatory States of the WIO use the draft national report template for the CMP of the WIO and that all other Signatory States use the draft national report template for the umbrella CMP. The umbrella and regional national reports will generate comparable information which will be used by the Secretariat for reporting purposes at future Signatory State meetings.
5. The templates have been designed to mirror the structure and content of each respective CMP and to review progress in the implementation of each of the CMP’s objectives and activities. To minimise as far as possible the effort needed to complete the report, tick boxes are used to indicate the status of implementation of the appropriate activities under each of the objectives or goals. Text boxes are provided to clarify or explain a given response.
6. The draft national report template for the umbrella CMP has been trialed by some Signatories and Non-Signatories Range States attending recent regional meetings for the Pacific Islands (Brisbane 11–12 March 2010) and South West Indian Ocean (Antananarivo 4–6 August 2010). The templates have been revised to incorporate the suggestions and comments provided at the above regional meetings. The Annex including the templates will be circulated at the meeting.

7. The draft national report template was sent to all registered participants to the First Official Signatory State Meeting for completion. Only two national reports were submitted. Results from the trials conducted at the regional meetings noted in point 6 are not considered to be official and will not be tabled at this meeting.

8. A process for self-assessment of the progress and achievement, with evidence of success towards implementation of the MoU and the CMP is also presented for consideration by the Signatory States.

9. The Signatory States may wish to consider the periodicity of reporting at this meeting.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Signatory States:

- Endorse the national reporting templates as an essential component of the Dugong MOU implementation process; and
- Agree to prepare reports using the revised template produced at this meeting at a future date to be determined, in order to test the templates and contribute to a better understanding of progress in implementation and where assistance is needed.