TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS AND MEETING TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DUGONGS *(DUGONG DUGON*) AND THEIR HABITATS THROUGHOUT THEIR RANGE

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TECHNICAL WORKSHOP FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DUGONGS AND THEIR HABITATS: EASTERN INDIAN OCEAN AND PACIFIC SUB-REGION

Objectives

1. The overall aim of the workshop is to provide technical information relevant to the implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan for Dugongs and their Habitats (CMP) and to support and enhance national, regional and international operation amongst dugong range states. The objectives for the workshop are co- to:

i. Further increase our understanding of the challenges for dugong conservation and management throughout range states in the Eastern Indian Ocean and Pacific region.
ii. Obtain updates on key in-country research and management activities from range states.
iii. Further develop and prioritise the Conservation and Management Plan at the regional level.
iv. Use the above information to encourage range states to endorse the MoU.

Themes for the workshop

2. Participants of the workshop will explore nine themes, which are based on the nine objectives of the CMP. These themes can be split into two categories: Science to Inform Conservation and Management; and, Implementing Conservation Actions.

Table 1

Category	**Theme**
Science to Inform Conservation and Management	Dugong mortality Dugong research and monitoring Habitats Habitat research and monitoring
Implementing Conservation Actions	Raising awareness Enhancing national, regional and international co-operation Promoting the implementation of the MoU Improving legal protection Capacity building

Approach

Day 1 Sunday 28 October 2007

3. The first day of the Workshop (28 October) will include: Introductions and Welcomes; Presentation: Biological Basis of the MoU by Professor Helene Marsh and/or other technical advisors; and, Overview of the MoU and Conservation and Management Plan (CMP). Participants will then work in groups to identify key areas of (a) dugong distribution and (b) impacts affecting dugong population, using maps.

Day 2 Monday 29 October 2007

4. Delegates from each country will provide in-country reports and updates (15 min talk + 5 min question time) relevant to dugong conservation and management on:

- Activities including research.
- Priority issues in relation to any or all the 9 themes in Table 1.
- How these issues are being addressed?
- Future challenges.

Day 3 Tuesday 30 October 2007

5. Participants will compile a synthesis of management priorities for the EIOP subregion. Participants will then work in two groups to (a) identify potential management tools which can be used to address management priorities and (b) characterise the nature of the tools and assess their appropriate application to management issues.

6. At a final session on 30 October the outcomes of the two sub-regional workshops will be combined to explore issues at a regional level.

EIOP Workshop Programme

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