



**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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Agenda Item 1-2

**WORKSHOP OF EAST INDIAN OCEAN AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN REGION:
OVERVIEW OF THE MOU AND CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:
SCIENCE TO INFORM CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT AND
IMPLEMENTING CONSERVATION ACTIONS**

Approach:

Two workshops are held concurrently on 28-30 October to address themes relating to the conservation and management of dugongs at a sub-regional level. At a final session on 30 October 2007 the outcomes of the two sub-regional workshops are combined to explore issues at a regional level. These results are reported at the plenary session in the morning of 31 October 2007.

Objectives:

The overall aim of the two workshops is to provide technical information relevant to the implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) for Dugongs and their Habitats. The specific objectives for the workshop are to:

1. Further increase our understanding of the challenges for dugong conservation and management throughout range states in the Eastern Indian Ocean and Pacific regions.
2. Obtain updates on key in-country research and management activities from range states.
3. Further develop and prioritise the Conservation and Management Plan.
4. Use the above information to encourage endorsement by range states of the MoU.

In-Country Reports:

Delegates participating in the workshop are asked to provide a 5-10 minute report on key dugong conservation and management activities in their country. The time limit for presentations will be dependent on the number of countries attending.

Suggested themes for the workshop:

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

Themes for the Workshop

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

Proposed Workshop Programme

28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October
Morning Session: Plenary	Morning Session: Sub-regional Workshops	Morning Session: Working Groups	Morning Session: Plenary
Introductions and Welcomes	Science to Inform Conservation & Management	<i>Implementing Conservation Actions (continued)</i>	Meeting of Signatory States
Presentation: Biological Basis for the MoU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat Protection Habitat Research & Monitoring Implementing MoU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving legal protection Capacity Building Implementing MoU 	
Overview of MoU and CMP			
In-country reports			
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon Session: Sub-regional Workshops	Afternoon Session:	Afternoon Session: Combined Workshop	Meeting of Signatory States
In-country reports	<i>Science to Inform Conservation & Management (continued)</i>	The groups that have addressed each theme in the two sub-regional workshops combine to compare, compile and prioritise actions under each theme at a regional level	
<i>Science to Inform Conservation & Management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat Protection Habitat Research & Monitoring Implementing MoU 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dugong Mortality Dugong Research & Monitoring 			
<i>Implementing Conservation Actions</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness Raising Enhanced Cooperation 			