

Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) & Training in the Roles and Responsibilities of CMS Family National Focal Points

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WORKSHOP REPORT

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1. Workshop introduction

This training workshop was convened by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat to meet the objectives of preparing the region for effective participation in the forthcoming 11th Conference of Parties (COP11) and enhancing regional capacity for CMS implementation activities. COP11 provides a unique opportunity for a higher profile and engagement of the Pacific region due to an increased level of expected participation from the region.

According to the capacity building need assessments conducted amongst the National Focal Points (NFPs) for CMS and its instruments (referred to as CMS Family NFPs), NFPs still lacked knowledge on their roles and responsibilities, hence limiting their efficient involvement in the coordinated conservation of migratory species. One of the actions aimed at addressing these capacity building needs was the development of a Manual on the roles and responsibilities of the CMS Family NFPs (referred to as the **CMS Family Manual**). This workshop aimed to introduce the new manual to the Pacific region and ensure that NFPs understood the manual and could put it into action.

The workshop was financed by the project 'Capacity building related to MEAs in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries – Phase II' of the European Union.

2. Workshop venue and programme

The workshop was held at the Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi, Fiji, using the Talei conference room. The workshop started at 8:30 on Monday 18th August, and ended at 16:00 on Wednesday 20th August, following the programme agenda in Annex 1 and more detailed Session plans (Annex 2).

3. Workshop participants

Participants comprised CMS NFPs, representatives from non-Party Range States, observers and partners active in the region. A full participant list is given in Annex 3.

4. Workshop resume

The workshop opened with a prayer and words of welcome from Aisake Batibasaga (Principal Fisheries Officer, Fiji), then Francisco Rilla (UNEP/CMS) presented the aims of the workshop, before handing over to the facilitator, Tim Dodman for the participant introduction session and an introduction to the workshop programme and use of the UNEP/CMS Family Manual. After this, training sessions were held following the chapters of the manual in a largely chronological order, whilst linking this closely to preparation for CMS COP11.

The workshop included a Shark Side Event with cocktail in the evening of 18th August and an invitation dinner hosted by UNEP/CMS in the evening of 20th August, when there was an informal closing session and participants were handed their certificates. A group photo was taken after the workshop opening session.

5. Workshop account

5.1 Introduction

The purpose, outline, contents and scope of the manual were introduced by Francisco Rilla linked to UNEP/CMS COP11 through a PowerPoint presentation. The format of the workshop then followed the individual chapters of the manual, and all sessions referred back to the manual. There was also a lecture on the Terms of Reference of National Focal Points, helping to define this important role.



The Talei Room was a perfect size for the workshop.

5.2 Background Information

All NFPs need to have a good understanding about migratory species and the rationale for protecting them. This message was delivered first through an interactive lecture by Tim Dodman on 'Migration, the rationale for protecting migratory species and the role of CMS.' This focused especially on the numerous threats faced by migratory species, such as barriers to migration, habitat loss & degradation, by-catch, underwater noise, illegal hunting & fishing, pollution, marine debris, disturbance and climate change. The role of CMS in supporting countries to improve the conservation status of migratory species and to help mitigate these threats was presented by Francisco Rilla.

This was followed by a group exercise 'Draw a Migratory Route'. Four groups were formed, and each was required to draw the migratory route of a different migratory species and then present their findings. The species chosen were the Whale Shark, Green Turtle, Sperm Whale and Sooty Shearwater. It was clear from the resulting maps and discussion that, although these species live in or pass through the Pacific region, most participants were not really aware of their migration routes or behaviours. This was partly due to genuine knowledge gaps in the life cycles of these marine species. It is important that NFPs have a good general understanding of such routes to enable them to participate effectively in decisions made about global conservation for migratory species.



Nanette Malsol shows the group work results for Green Turtle migration.

The most relevant CMS Family Instruments to the Pacific were then presented:

- Cetaceans in the Pacific Island Region by Cara Miller
- Sharks by Melanie Virtue
- Dugong by Mike Donoghue

The **Programme of Work (POW) on Flyways** was introduced by Tim Dodman as a plenary interactive exercise focused on the Bristle-thighed Curlew, a migratory wader that breeds in Alaska then spends the northern winter in the Pacific islands (see curlew image and USSG map resulting from satellite-tracked birds).



A large space was created and papers put down to represent islands, then food (beads) placed on the islands. Participants representing curlews had needed to complete their migration cycle by reaching the islands, getting enough food and returning to Alaska to breed, whilst different scenarios saw some islands lost to sea level rise (climate change) and predators present on the islands (predations / disturbance). The POW on Flyways was then presented, and the 'challenge' within this programme of filling significant information gaps for Oceania.





Two 'curlews' try to get past a 'fisherman' causing some disturbance!

5.3 NFP ToRs and regional preparation for CMS COP11

Francisco Rilla covered the '**NFP Terms of Reference and responsibilities**' through a PowerPoint presentation, along with an introduction to the appointment of NFPs and other representatives and experts. Some participants informed the group of issues relating to carrying out ToRs and appointments in their country. Saras Sharma (Fiji) then related her experiences of the UNEP/CMS Scientific Council, in which she recently participated.

Penina Solomona (SPREP) gave a useful overview of the **key outcomes of the joint MEA workshop** held the previous week, which noted the following:

- Importance of synergies between the biodiversity related MEAs and effective coordination amongst the MEAs.
- Importance of values for biodiversity and ecosystems services and the need to ensure that NBSAPs are costed and their implementation factored into national accounting through resource mobilisation plans.
- The NBSAP is an overarching document and should engage NFPs and other stakeholders in its development, implementation, monitoring and reporting.
- Importance of private sector partnership and local community members.
- The level of commitment shown by the region through declaration of large sanctuaries to protect threatened migratory species and habitats and to ensure the sustainable use of resources for the benefit of local communities.
- Strong focus on threats to biodiversity in the Pacific, including invasive species, marine debris, climate change, underwater noise, habitat loss and degradation, pollution and poisoning & illegal fishing.
- Wealth of technical capacity and initiatives available through the various Conventions, e.g. CMS MoU Technical Advisory Groups.
- Urgent need for dedicated support to NFPs for simplifying administration, implementation and reporting on multiple biodiversity MEAs.
- Need for better cooperation across range states including private sector and continued community engagement in migratory species conservation.
- Value of the Pacific Voyage Campaign in encouraging effective participation in highlighting key messages, e.g. traditional stories about migratory species.

- Value of having CMS and Ramsar positions at SPREP.
- The economic valuation of biodiversity is an important tool to inform decision-making and needs to reflect social and cultural values.

Following this, Nanette Woonton addressed the audience to consider **ways to boost Pacific visibility at CMS COP11**, including the following options through the Pacific Voyage campaign:

- Pacific Side Event: aim, speakers, funds, resources, marketing, preparation
- Pacific exhibition booth: any resources for display
- Pacific media campaign: raising the profile – nationally & during COP11
- Pacific visibility and marketing: take island wear and keep island identity.

It was agreed that the Oceania / Pacific region should organise a side event at the COP, and that SPREP (Penina) would serve as the focal person for coordination.

Francisco Rilla then presented the **agenda for COP11**, when key issues for Oceania were agreed (Annex 4) and focal points identified for these as follows:

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| • Regional brief: | SPREP |
| • Climate change: | Juney Ward |
| • Sharks & rays resolution: | Nanette Molsol |
| • Species proposals: | Fiji (Saras Sharma & Aisake Batibasaga) |
| • Marine debris: | SPREP |
| • Live capture of cetaceans: | SPREP |
| • Invasive alien species: | Liz Munroe |
| • Boat-based wildlife watching: | Lupe Matoto, Juney Ward & Cara Miller |
| • Flyways: | Saras Sharma |

It was noted that seabed mining could potentially impact ecological networks.

The day ended with sharks, starting with a presentation by Melanie Virtue on the **draft resolution for the conservation of sharks and rays**, which included the following recommendations:

- Imposing regulations that sharks be landed with their fins naturally attached
- Continued research, monitoring and information exchange
- Increasing the membership of the CMS Sharks MOU
- Enhancing cooperation with other organizations relevant for shark conservation

This was followed by a **Shark side event** and informal cocktail hosted by the Pew Charitable Trusts, during which Luke Warwick (right) gave a presentation of key shark conservation issues and the need for countries to implement conservation action. The cocktail provided a good setting for participants to relax and discuss among themselves, whilst also highlighting the region's global importance for sharks and rays, and the threats they face.



5.4 Participation in CMS COP11 and key documents for the region

Day 2 started off with a presentation by Francisco on **preparation for COP11**, covering some of the logistics and planning issues, followed by an introduction of some of the general documents, including the budget. Next there was **regional consultation group work**, with two groups, one focused on invasive alien species, the other on sharks/rays. Each group was invited to present a proposal for a CMS Small Grant Fund for an imaginary \$20,000. The first group developed a proposal for rat eradication of Nuutele Island (Samoa), the second a proposal for a shark & ray side event at the forthcoming SIDS conference. These proposals were presented to a 'panel' (Francisco and Mike), and a discussion was had on the merit of each proposal and the way they were presented.

There was a short session focused on **Climate Change**, with a presentation on the POW on Climate Change and Migratory Species by Tim Dodman and a presentation by Mike Donoghue on the Impacts of Climate Change on Migratory Species in the Pacific Islands, noting especially impacts on dugongs, turtles and whales. The role of seagrass beds as absorbers of CO₂ was highlighted, as well as its importance for dugongs.

All NFPs need to represent their countries in various meetings of the CMS Family decision-making bodies. Participants were reminded of the steps that NFPs should take in preparing for a meeting. A **CMS COP11 simulation** was then staged, with Bati (Chair), Melanie (CMS) and Kathryn (Scientific Council) at the head table, in which two documents were up for discussion – the *Mobula* (rays) species proposal and climate change.

Saras kicked off the *Mobula* species proposal with Fiji's presentation of the proposal, then Bati (as the Chair) opened the floor for debate. A few people played roles of different NFPs, notably Jim as Sri Lanka, Mike as the Philippines, Luke as the UK and Tim as France. Participants found the exercise quite realistic, and Fiji certainly felt the pressure in defending their proposal against some strong arguments from other countries. There was clearly a need to negotiate the position with careful consideration of options. Next, the climate change resolution was presented, when Nanette showed herself to be a very capable and efficient chair; Mike took on the role of Australia during a short debate.



The 'climate change' high table

The main learning outcomes were that participants needed to prepare their positions well and be able to present clear concise arguments during a plenary debate. Some participants afterwards indicated that they had felt ‘uncomfortable’ and under pressure during the exercise, and felt committed to prepare well for COP11 so that they would be better prepared.

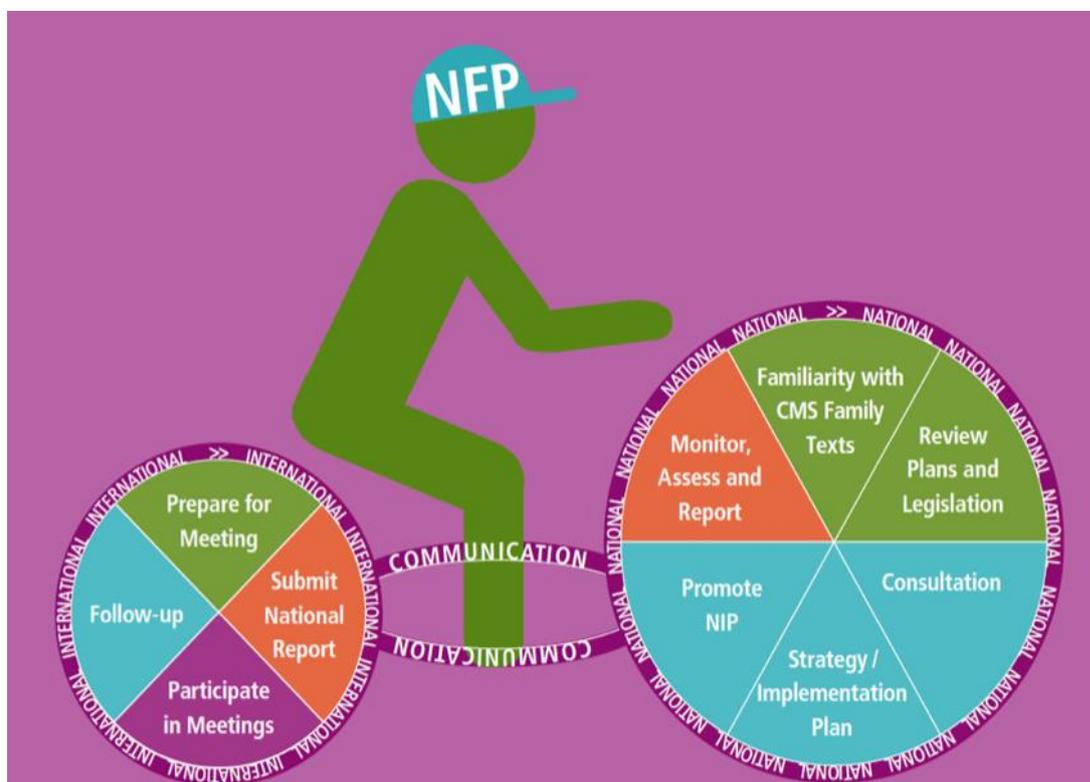
The day ended with a presentation by Melanie of three key marine documents, followed by group work on each:

Document	Main themes of resolution
Marine debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge gaps related to impacts, sources, pathways etc. • best practice for commercial marine vessels • public awareness and education campaigns
Boat-based wildlife watching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • licensing permits • level of activity (e.g. exclusion zones, number of vessels) • methods of approach and interaction
Live capture of cetaceans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop national legislation prohibiting live capture • prohibit imports and international transit

The groups were charged with identifying key negotiation points for each document, confirming their position on the document and highlighting any regional priorities.

5.5 Implementation

‘The Implementation Cycle & National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan vs National Implementation Plans’ was presented through an interactive lecture by Francisco Rilla, highlighting the role of NFPs, as illustrated by the figure below.



This was followed by an enlightening presentation by Juney Ward on the **implementation of CMS in Samoa**, which ratified CMS in 2005. The NFP is from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whilst the scientific councillor is from the

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. This can present issues of communication, e.g. when the Secretariat communicates with the NFP, messages don't always reach the scientific councillor, who is technically responsible for implementing the convention. The annual fee is incorporated into the national budget, with \$1,500 set aside for this. Migratory species are incorporated into Samoa's national legislation and into the National Environment Sector Plan (2013-17). The main benefits / attractions to Samoa from being a Party to CMS are:

- Funding opportunities for surveys and participation in COPs & other meetings
- Reporting requirements are not too demanding
- Annual fee is minimal (ca. €60)
- Technical support and guidance through CMS Pacific Officer.

The online reporting system does however provide a challenge, especially in engaging other stakeholders to review reports and lack of internet (e.g. at offices).

Cara Miller then presented '**A Natural Affiliation: developing the role of NGOs in the CMS Family**', noting that NGOs play a crucial role in implementing the convention and family instruments. Strong support from the Pacific region was encouraged for the COP11 resolution 'Enhancing the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society'. A discussion followed, highlighting some of the existing government-NGO partnerships in the region.

After a break, Makiko Yashiro (UNEP-ROAP) gave the presentation '**Regional implementation and support mechanisms**', which highlighted support options, notably via the GEF-6 Replenishment (July 2014 – June 2018), whose biodiversity strategy included components on protected areas, invasive alien species and coral reefs (among others). However, the requirement for co-financing of 6:1 presented a major challenge. A table of the GEF-6 System of Transparent Allocation of Resources was shown for the Pacific region countries:

Country	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Land Degradation	Total	Fully Flexible
Cook Islands	2.00	2.17	0.50	4.67	yes
Fiji	2.00	4.94	0.65	7.59	no
Kiribati	3.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	yes
Marshall Islands	2.00	2.08	0.50	4.58	yes
Palau	2.00	1.92	0.50	4.42	yes
Papua New Guinea	2.00	14.66	1.22	17.88	no
Samoa	3.00	2.67	1.15	6.82	yes
Tonga	2.00	1.70	0.89	4.59	yes
Vanuatu	3.00	2.78	1.00	6.78	yes

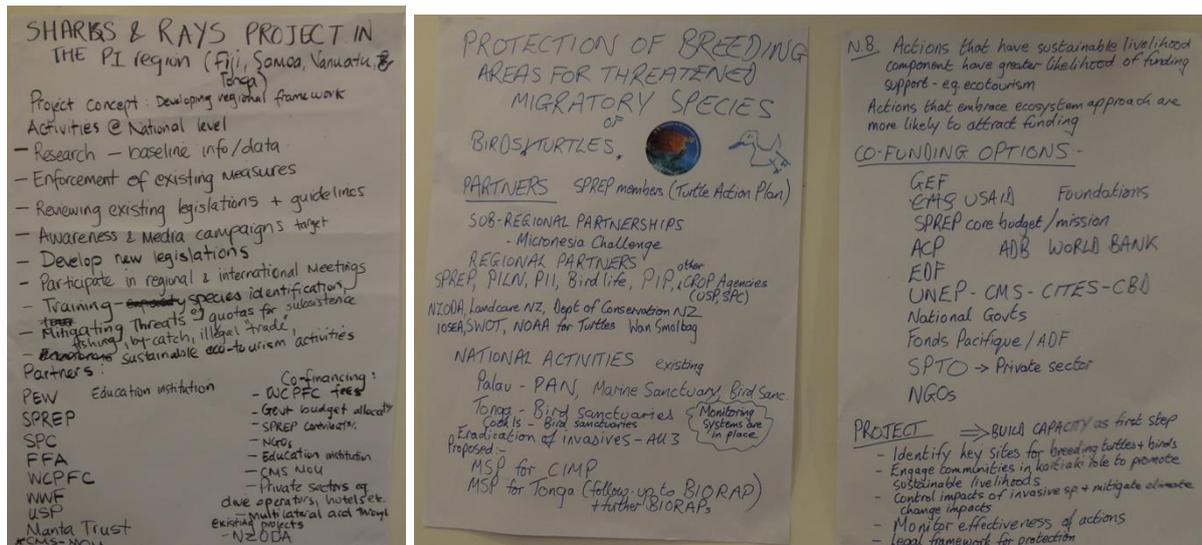
The GEF-6 STAR allocations for the Pacific Region

Ingredients for successful mobilisation of financial resources included the following:

- Project idea clearly reflects national priorities

- Builds on existing initiatives or momentum
- Co-financing already exists
- Proposals focus on timely topics (adaptation, climate change etc.)

Two groups were then formed to consider **improving implementation and ecological networks across the region** by developing regional project ideas, as well as highlighting potential partners and donors for the project. One group focused on sharks and rays, the other on the protection of land-based breeding areas for threatened migratory species (seabirds and turtles). Results of these are shown in the images below.



Project concepts for (1) sharks and rays and (2) protection of breeding areas

After lunch, participants from the Ramsar group joined the CMS group, and the results from the regional project ideas were presented, and a discussion held relating to potential synergy between the conventions in implementing such projects.

5.6 National Reporting

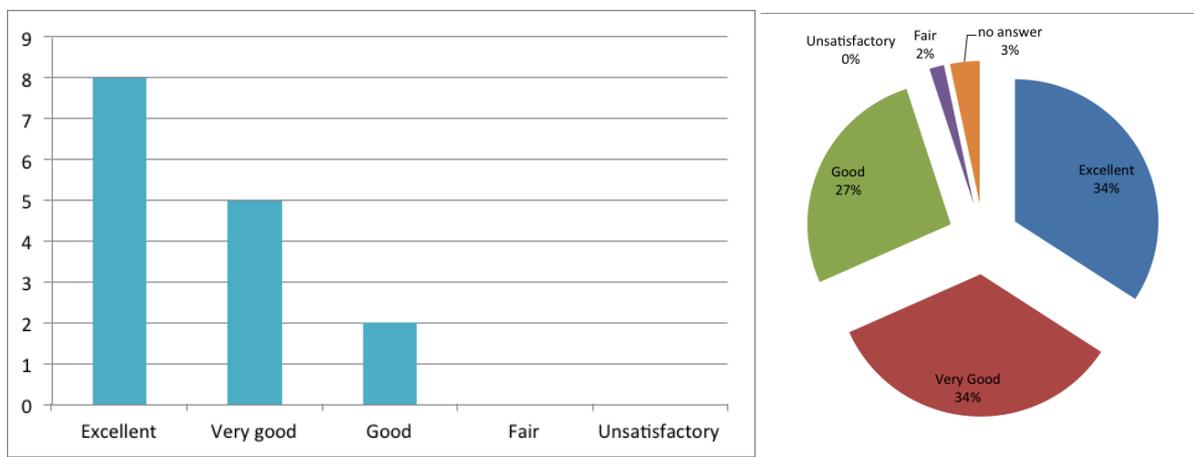
The final working session focused on national reporting. After a brief introduction by Francisco Rilla, national reporting was discussed in plenary, when some of the key issues concerning national reporting were raised. Clearly, it is important for NFPs to ensure the timely delivery of national reports, but it is also important that the process of reporting is as easy as possible. Constraints identified were:

- Technical issues (unfamiliarity with reporting format)
- Online issues (not always easy to get online, especially at work; difficult to share with other stakeholders, especially those who cannot get online)
- NFP issues (password, NFP in different agency etc)
- The burden of reporting requirements, especially for those NFPs who were also focal points for other conventions, as well as meeting various national and project reporting needs; this issue was especially relevant in Oceania, where countries have small populations and focal points 'wear many hats'. Reports also should be done in a format that is practical and useful.

After a quick game of dolphins catching fish the workshop ended with an evaluation and feedback session.

6. Evaluation

All participants found that their expectations (collected during the initial participant introductions) had been met. The analysis of evaluation questions revealed that knowledge/understanding of the CMS Family Manual had significantly increased; indeed most participants had not used it before. The workshop approach (with interactive sessions) was also considered very suitable (see graph, below).



The overall workshop content received a very positive rating, as shown in the diagram (above right). Sessions with particularly positive feedback included those on preparation for COP11 and boosting Pacific visibility at COP11, the regional consultation group work and interviews, and the COP11 meeting simulation/role play.

Additional comments relating to the workshop included the following:

- A productive and useful workshop, which has allowed participants to share ideas / discuss issues and prepare for the upcoming CMS COP11.
- The role-playing, interactive lessons, and group work has been very exciting and is an excellent way of getting participants to interact and provide ideas.
- It was nice to have non-Parties engaged.
- Include more training on the online reporting system.
- An excellent workshop, especially for promoting a leadership role for Fiji at the forthcoming COP; building the confidence of Pacific participants; providing inspiration and guidance for SPREP; and introducing new NGO colleagues.

Further details are available in the internal CMS report 'Analysis of Participant Feedback: Regional capacity building workshop for the Pacific' report.

7. Annexes

- Annex 1. Workshop Agenda**
- Annex 2. Workshop Session Plans**
- Annex 3. List of participants**
- Annex 4. Key issues**



Annex 1. Workshop AGENDA

Date	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
Monday 18th August	8:30-09:00: Registration	2. CMS background & rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration, the rationale for protecting migratory species and the role of CMS (PL IL) Draw a migratory route (GW) Bodies of CMS and its Instruments (presentations & PL D) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threats along a flyway (PL EX) 	4. Preparation for CMS COP11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key outputs from the joint MEA workshop COP11 agenda and key issues for Oceania + identify leads (PL D) Boost Pacific visibility at the CMS COP (IL) 	Welcome cocktail & Shark side event
	Opening session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & opening Participant introductions & expectations Using the manual 		1. Defining the CMS Family NFP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFP ToRs (PL IL & D) 		
Tuesday 19th August	4. Preparation for CMS COP11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistics & planning (IL, D) Rules of Procedure (IL) Key COP general documents (PL IL & D) Regional consultation (GW & PL D) 	4. Preparation for CMS COP11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritising key issues and reaching common agreement (PL D GW) 	4. Participation at CMS COP11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting simulation focused on a key regional priority (RP PL) 	4. Participation at CMS COP11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key negotiation points of regional relevance for COP11 documents (GW & PL D) 	Key COP11 Document presentation
Wednesday 20th August	5. Implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Implementation Cycle, NBSAPs & NIPs; integrating migratory species into NBSAPs (PL IL) National implementation of CMS (PL L CS) What does national implementation involve? (PL B) Regional implementation & collaboration with international organizations (PL L) A Natural Affiliation: role of NGOs (PL L) Improving implementation and ecological networks across the region (GW & PL D). 		5. Implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicalities & recommendations for the region (PB & D) 	Closing session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop conclusions Evaluation Close 	Invitation Dinner

Approximate times: Morning sessions 08:45-12:45; afternoon sessions 14:00-17:30. Lunch 12:45-14:00. Coffee & tea breaks provided.

Abbreviations: PL: Plenary; IL: Interactive Lecture; GW: Group Work; EX: Exercise; D: Discussion; CS: Case Study; RP: Role Play; B: Brainstorming

Numbers / Colours: These represent chapter numbers and their respective colours in the CMS Family Manual

Annex 2. Workshop Session Plans

Monday 18th August 2014

Time	Content	Learning Objectives	Methods	Materials	Actions	Who
Opening Session						
08:30	Registration			Badges & packs	Prepare packs	CMS / SPREP
09:00	Welcome & Opening		Informal opening by Fiji government rep (as host country) and CMS			Aisake Batibasaga & Francisco Rilla
09:10	Lecture 1: Aim of the workshop; Manual for National Focal Points - objectives, content and scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are clear about the overall purpose of the workshop Participants understand the purpose of the manual 	PowerPoint presentation	Lecture room, data projector, computer with Power Point (PPT)	Prepare presentation	Francisco Rilla
09:30	Participant introductions & expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants introduce themselves, giving their name & country, their favourite migratory species and one expectation. 	Interactive self-introductions; cards & pens already available on tables. Capture favourite species on flipchart.	Name 'Toblerones', marker pens, cards, flipchart	Prepare Toblerones, blank on one side	Tim Dodman & Francisco Rilla
10:00	Introduction to the workshop and Using the manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants understand focus of the workshop and how to use the manual during the workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short introduction to the workshop agenda and programme Outline of how we will use the manual during the workshop 	Hard copy of the manual on each table; individual copies of agenda	Agenda on PPT	Tim Dodman
10:10	Lecture 2: Migration, the rationale for protecting migratory species and the role of CMS	By end of this session, participants can <ul style="list-style-type: none"> define 'migration' and explain why species migrate /related implications explain migration strategies and their link to conservation understand role of CMS & Secretariat 	Interactive refresher lecture on why migrate, the ecological reasons, (dis)advantages & implications. Migration strategies. Discuss conservation issues for different strategies. Clarify role of CMS & Secretariat.	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PowerPoint	Prepare lecture notes and PowerPoint presentation	Francisco Rilla & Tim Dodman
10:30	Coffee Break					
11:00	Group work: Draw a migratory route	By end of this session, participants can <ul style="list-style-type: none"> realise knowledge gaps appreciate diversity of migratory routes 	Each group has a map and is asked to draw a migratory route / distribution of a selected species (e.g. breeding, 'staging' & destination areas & routes): turtle, cetacean, seabird, shark.	Room, maps, resource materials, crayons, blue-tack	Prepare notes, identify species, print or draw A3 or larger maps	Tim Dodman, Cara Miller & Don Stewart, Mike Donoghue & Nanette Malsol
12:00	CMS Family Instruments: Plenary overviews	By end of this session, participants can <ul style="list-style-type: none"> get a good overview of the different instruments relevant to the Pacific: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cetaceans in Pacific Island Region Dugongs Sharks 	Selected participants present brief information about each instrument.	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PowerPoint	Contact selected participants and ask them to 'prepare themselves'.	Cara Miller, Penina Solomona / Mike Donoghue, Melanie Virtue
12:45	Lunch					

Time	Content	Learning Objectives	Methods	Materials	Actions	Who
14:00	Plenary exercise: Threats to migratory species: case study of flyways	By end of this session, participants can <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appreciate the need role of different sites for survival and the need for conservation management of these sites 	Plenary exercise in which volunteers represent Bar-tailed Godwits facing different ecological conditions & threats. Facilitated Q&A discussion and overview of key management issues.	Dedicated space (inside/outside); counters & other objects: improvise	Identify space and tools	Tim Dodman & Don Stewart
14:30	Lecture 3: NFP Terms of Reference and Responsibilities	By end of this session, participants can <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand clearly the role and responsibilities of CMS NFPs 	Interactive lecture, run through Terms of Reference and open discussion	Lecture room, data projector, computer & PPT	Prepare lecture notes & PowerPoint presentation	Francisco Rilla
14:45	Plenary Discussion: Appointment of NFPs, experts and other representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand the processes of appointment and the need for experts and other representatives 	Plenary discussion around a few short slides	Lecture room, data projector, computer & PPT	Prime some NFPs to give examples from their country	Tim Dodman & Francisco Rilla
15:00	The CMS Scientific Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn about this body and its relevance for the region 	Short information briefing	Lecture room	Ask Saras	Saras Sharmer & Melanie Virtue
15:30	Coffee Break					
16:00	Key outputs from the joint MEA workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn or are reminded about the outputs from the joint MEA workshop of the previous week. • Relevance of CMS is highlighted. 	Information is presented through slides	Lecture room, data projector, computer & PPT	Prepare presentation	Penina Solomona & Melanie Virtue; Makiko & Haruko
16:15	Lecture 4: Boost Pacific visibility at the CMS COP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn of communication steps and how to get involved. 	Interactive lecture.	Lecture room, data projector, computer & PPT	Prepare PPT	Nanette Woonton
16:45	Lecture 5: Preparation for COP11: Agenda and key issues for Oceania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants become familiar with the COP11 documents and identify together the key issues and leads 	Lecture to illustrate the COP11 agenda. Facilitated discussion to identify key issues and leads.	Lecture room, data projector, computer & PPT	Prepare PPT	Francisco Rilla & Tim Dodman
17:15	Lecture S: Conservation of Migratory Sharks & Rays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand this resolution and key issues relating to shark and ray conservation 	Lecture	Lecture room, data projector, computer & PPT	Prepare PPT	Melanie Virtue
17:30	Announcements & close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone understands programme 	Inform on practical issues / logistics			
18:30	Welcome cocktail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal get-together • Opportunity to learn about Sharks initiatives and for discussion 	Welcome from hosts; Sharks side event (details to be developed).	Suitable cocktail venue & space for displays	Prepare Shark info and liaise with hotel	Fiji rep., CMS, PEW

Tuesday 19th August 2014

Time	Content	Learning Objectives	Methods	Materials	Actions	Trainer(s)
Opening Session						
08:45	Brief reflection of 18 th , and brief introduction to today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for brief reflection and raising any issues • Participants understand objectives & programme for the day 	Open informal discussion (while everyone settles in)			A participant & Tim Dodman
09:00	Lecture 6: Preparation for COP11: logistics & planning (IL & PL D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand the appropriate steps to take in preparing for a meeting 	Interactive presentation drawing from CMS manual and other resources	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare presentation	Francisco Rilla
09:15	Lecture 7: Preparation for COP11: Understanding key COP general documents (IL & PL D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain a brief overview of the key COP general documents, including Strategic Plan, the Scientific Council & Budget 	Short lecture by CMS on some of the key general documents. Facilitate Q&A and discussion on these issues and their relevance for the Pacific.	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare presentation; plan Q&A session	Francisco Rilla, Melanie Virtue & Tim Dodman
09:45	Preparation for COP11: Regional consultation (GW) & NFP qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain understanding of some key regional COP11 issues • Participants exchange views and consider qualities of NFPs 	Two groups develop projects for CMS grant and present them to a panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Species Proposal: <i>Mobula</i> rays Invasive Alien Species 	Tables / area for 2 groups. Paper, cards available	Discuss and prepare exercise together	Tim Dodman, Saras Sharmer, Don Stewart, Kathy Howard
Coffee Break within groups						
11:00	Preparation for COP11: Report back from groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn from other groups 	Informal presentations from each group & facilitated discussion	Area to present results & discuss		Tim Dodman, participants
11:15	Preparation for COP11: Prioritising key issues and reaching common agreement (PL D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants prioritise issues together and reach agreement through negotiation. 	Appoint a Chair & Secretary to capture discussion and draw up list of priority issues and regional positions.	Draw on results from session after lecture 4.	Discuss between resource persons during workshop	Tim Dodman, participants
12:45	Lunch					
14:00	Participation at COP11: Meeting simulation focused on a key regional priority (PL RP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants realise the importance of effective participation in meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory lectures climate change • Provide brief overview of the role play and the steps involved. • Simulated negotiation meeting: Species proposal (<i>Mobula</i> rays) and Programme of Work on Climate Change & Migratory Species 	Lecture room, with 'high table'; PPT projector for introductory lectures	Prepare for simulated meeting and establish roles	Tim Dodman, Penina Solomona & Cara Miller
15:45	Coffee / tea Break					
16:00	Key negotiation points of regional relevance for COP11 documents (GW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants work together to identify key negotiation points relating to specific COP11 documents of relevance to the region. 	After introductory lectures on each, identify key negotiation points re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine Debris - Boat-based Wildlife Watching - Live capture of cetaceans 	Tables / area for 3-4 groups. Paper, cards available; projector	Prepare presentations; discuss and prepare exercise together	Tim Dodman, Melanie Virtue & Cara Miller
17:00	Key negotiation points: feedback from groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn from each others' groups 	Facilitated report-back session			Tim Dodman

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Opening Session						
08:45	Brief reflection of 19 th , and brief introduction to today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for brief reflection and raising any issues • Participants understand objectives & programme for the day 	Open informal discussion (while everyone settles in)			A participant & Tim Dodman
09:00	Lecture 8: The Implementation Cycle & National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan vs National Implementation Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand the Implementation Cycle • Participants understand the advantages of integrating implementation into NBSAPs • Appreciation of NIPs 	PowerPoint presentation, with interactive discussion / Q&A	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare presentation	Francisco Rilla & Tim Dodman
09:30	Lecture 9: Case Study national presentation: Implementation of CMS in Samoa (alt. Palau)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn the efforts being made in Samoa to implement the Convention 	PowerPoint presentation	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare lecture notes and PPT presentation	June Ward (alternate Nannette Malsol)
09:45	Plenary Brainstorming: What does implementation actually involve? How to integrate into NBSAPs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants get a feel for the different approaches of addressing implementation and links with NBSAPs in different countries. • Input from different countries 	Facilitated brainstorming, with ideas / contributions captured on flipchart. Option for participants to write on cards key issues / challenges to implementation	Flip chart, marker pens; cards e.g. for 'key implementation challenges'	Prepare leading questions to guide brainstorming	Tim Dodman & Francisco Rilla;
10:15	Lecture 11: A Natural Affiliation: the role of NGOs in the CMS Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants appreciate the important role NGOs can play in implementing CMS and the CMS Family instruments 	PowerPoint presentation	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare lecture notes and PPT presentation	Cara Miller
10:30	Coffee Break					
11:00	Lecture 10: Regional implementation & collaboration with international organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants appreciate the need for synergy between MEAs and for working in partnership at national and regional level. 	PowerPoint presentation	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare lecture notes and PPT presentation	Francisco Rilla
11:20	Plenary introduction: Introduce objectives and set tasks for group work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand clearly the objectives of the group work 	Introduce the group work session		Prepare notes	Tim Dodman
11:25	Group work: Improving implementation and ecological networks across the region	Participants appreciate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the importance of working together for implementation • need for national site-based action • the need for advancing ecological networks for migratory species 	2 groups work together to develop regional projects for improved implementation, highlighting synergy with MEAs & NGOs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conservation of sharks & rays b. Site networks for migratory seabirds & marine turtles 	Room, resource materials: pens, crayons, blue-tack, paper	Prepare group work sessions and identify scenarios	Tim Dodman, Ian Campbell (sharks), Cara Miller (cetaceans), Don Stewart (birds)

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12:20	Plenary report back: Results from groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants appreciate a range of scenarios and the wide need to work together with other countries for effective implementation 	Each group briefly explains how the countries will work together to implement conservation action for a shared migratory species	Area for informal presentations	Note key points from each group and prepare a resume	Tim Dodman & participants
12:45	Lunch					
14:00	Joint meeting between the Ramsar and CMS groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants share project ideas and consider options for improved synergy 	CMS groups present regional project ideas to prompt discussion	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Develop during the workshop	Tim Dodman & Lew Young
14:30	Implementation: Practicalities (P B & D) & recommendations for the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants identify practical issues with implementation in the Oceania region and use these to develop recommendations. 	Plenary brainstorming & discussion on practical measures to improve CMS implementation within the region. Appoint a Chair & Secretary. Develop recommendations. [Alternative option to do this through group work].			
14:30	Lecture 12: National Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants understand the national reporting requirements 	Short lecture, with Q&A. Potential for input also from AEWA	Lecture room, data projector, computer with PPT	Prepare lecture notes and PPT presentation	Francisco Rilla
15:00	Plenary Brainstorming: National Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants understand the issues around national reporting, and have an opportunity to air any concerns and share ideas 	Open brainstorming session to highlight any national reporting issues and develop recommendations, if desired.	Lecture room, flip chart, marker pens		Tim Dodman, Kathy Howard, Juney Ward & Cara Miller
15:15	Conclusions & evaluation; feedback to manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants share their feelings about the workshop and the manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants complete mood chart; open discussion about the workshop Final check back to expectations 	Evaluation forms & informal mood meter	Prepare form & mod meter	Tim Dodman, Francisco Rilla & Penina Solomona
15:50	Close & announcements					CMS
16:00	Coffee / tea Break					
19:00	Invitation dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone leaves in a good mood! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation dinner at suitable venue and appropriate level of formality. Short speeches of thanks Hand out certificates 	Certificates	Select & liaise with restaurant; brief speakers if need be	Penina Solomona & Melanie Virtue

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Annex 4. Relevant regional CMS COP11 documents for Oceania

- **POW for Migratory Birds and Flyways (Doc 23.1.1)**
- **Conservation of migratory sharks and rays (Doc 23.2.1)**
- **Action Plan for the Loggerhead Turtle in the South Pacific Ocean (Doc 23.2.2)**
- **Live capture of cetaceans from the wild for commercial purposes (Doc 23.2.3)**
- **Conservation Implications of Cetacean Culture (Doc 23.2.4)**
- **POW on Climate Change and Migratory Species (Doc 23.4.2)**
- **Invasive Alien Species (Doc. 23.4.4)**
- **Sustainable Boat-based Wildlife Watching Tourism (Doc 23.4.5)**
- **Management of Marine Debris (Doc 23.4.6)**
- **Proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II of the Convention (Doc 24.1); *(relevant to the region, especially sharks, manta and Mobula rays)***