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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
PIRT Partners

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SUBJECT: **Regional Meetings - Marine Species Programme and Action Plans**

Dear Members,

Following consultations on the progress on the Regional Marine Species Programme and Action Plans (2013-2017) we are updating and refreshing the plans, incorporating the Sharks and Rays Action Plan into the programme, and adding a new plan for seabirds. We will be sharing these drafts with you by the end of May for comment, followed by a series of Regional online meetings (Draft Agenda attached) to discuss and finalise these plans. We expect to be able to arrange endorsement of the new Regional Marine Species Programme and Action Plans 2021-2026 by countries, following this process and meetings.

We have recently also advised our Members about the Meeting of Signatories to the Pacific Cetacean MOU which will take place for two days following these meetings:

- 28 July: Welcome and introduction to the meeting series
- 28 July: Dugong Action Plan
- 29 July: Seabird Action Plan (new)
- 30 July: Marine Turtle Action Plan
- 2 August: Sharks and Rays Action Plan
- 3 August: Whales and Dolphins Action Plan
- 4 August: break
- 5th and 6th August Meeting of Signatories to the Pacific Cetacean MOU (under the auspices of the Convention on Migratory Species)

Registration for these meetings is now open on the [online registration form](#). We welcome participation from CMS and CITES focal points, relevant government departmental staff, national non-governmental organisations and other partners. Please share widely with your national marine biodiversity networks.

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Yours sincerely,



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