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1st Meeting of the Working Group on the Implementation of the Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea
(Angelshark WG1)
Bonn, Germany, 29-30 April 2025

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND DOCUMENTS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Central European Summer Time (CEST)	Tuesday, 29 April 2025	Wednesday, 30 April 2025
11.00 – 13.00	1. <i>Opening and introductions</i> 2. <i>Agenda</i> 3. <i>Report</i>	6. <i>Review of Annexes III and IV of the SSAP</i> 7. <i>Institutional Matters</i>
13.00-14.00	Break	
14.00-15.30	4. <i>Monitoring</i> 5. <i>Spatial Management</i>	8. <i>POW</i> 9. - 10

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1 Opening of the Meeting	
No document	
2 Adoption of the Agenda	
2.1 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule — UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.2.1/Rev.1	Participants will review the Provisional Annotated Agenda, make changes as required, and adopt a final agenda for the purpose of this meeting. The Working Group is requested to review and adopt the agenda for this meeting.
3 Reports	
3.1 Report of the Secretariat No document	The Secretariat will update the Working Group on its mandate provided in Resolution 14.12 and Decisions 14.101 - 14.105 and will report on progress made by the Secretariat since CMS COP14 on the implementation of the Single Species Action Plan (SSAP). The Working Group is requested to note the report and to provide guidance to the Secretariat as required.
4 Monitoring	
4.1 Summary of reports on implementation by Range States - — UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.4.1	The Secretariat will present a summary of reports received from Range States, including information provided by partners from the Angel Shark Conservation Network (ASCN) on the implementation of the SSAP, in accordance with Decision 14.101(e), which requests Parties to submit brief reports prior to the final Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC8) ahead of COP15. To facilitate this and in accordance with Decision 105(c), the Secretariat has developed and disseminated a simplified reporting template to enable the assessment of implementation progress. Members of the Working Group and observers are invited to provide information on relevant additional activities related to the implementation of the SSAP since its adoption at COP14.

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	<p>The Working Group is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review the summary of the reports submitted by Range States and the ASCN; b) Inform about additional activities undertaken; and c) Make recommendations for further implementation of the SSAP to COP15.
<p>4.2 Options for data sharing</p> <p>No document</p>	<p>The Angelshark Conservation Network (ASCN) will present data sharing tools that are in place to monitor angel sharks in the Northeast Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea.</p> <p>The Working Group is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review and discuss options for sharing data amongst Range States and with experts from the ASCN; and b) Consider instructing the Secretariat to develop a data sharing protocol in collaboration with the ASCN.
<p>5 Spatial Management</p>	
<p>5.1 Advice for spatial management of angel sharks in the Mediterranean</p> <p>— UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.5.1</p>	<p>The Angel Shark Project will introduce a spatial advice document that includes an overview of current area-based management approaches for angel sharks in the Mediterranean Sea, in accordance with Objective 2 of the SSAP Angelshark Med. Range States will be requested to review the recommendations provided and discuss potential spatial management targets concerning critical angel shark areas.</p> <p>The Working Group is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review the guidance provided and agree on potential spatial management targets; and b) Make recommendations to COP15.
<p>6 Review of the Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea</p>	
<p>6.1 Review of Annex III of the SSAP</p> <p>— ANNEX III Legislation relevant to</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the process for updating Annex III "Legislation Relevant to the Conservation of Angelshark (<i>Squatina squatina</i>)" in accordance with Decision 14.101(b).</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">the conservation of Angelshark (Squatina squatina)</p> <p>6.2 Review of Annex IV “Tools and Guidelines to Support Implementation of the SSAP”</p> <p>— UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.6.2</p>	<p>The Working Group is requested to note the next steps and timeline for submitting additional information and finalizing the update of Annex III.</p> <p>The Shark Trust will present “Annex IV: Tools and Guidelines to Support Implementation of the SSAP”, in accordance with Decision 14.104. This decision encourages non-governmental organizations, the ASCN, and other experts to provide technical support to Range States for the implementation of the Action Plan and the development of relevant tools and guidelines.</p> <p>The Working Group is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review the progress made in developing Annex IV and contributions provided by non-governmental organizations and experts; and b) Identify additional needs or areas for further refinement of the tools and guidelines.
7 Programme of Work	
<p>7.1. Draft Programme of Work</p> <p>— UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.7.1</p>	<p>The Secretariat will present a draft Programme of Work (PoW) for the 2025–2026 period, outlining priority actions, key implementing partners and estimated costs for implementation. The POW will also include draft project descriptions provided by the ASCN aiming to support Range States with the implementation of the SSAP, with estimated budgets attached.</p> <p>The Working Group is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review and agree on the Programme of Work in Annex 1; and b) Assess the project proposals in Annex 2 and select and endorse activities for fundraising/funding.
8 Institutional Matters	
<p>8.1 Draft Governance Structure</p> <p>— UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.8.1</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce a draft governance structure for the SSAP, based on earlier discussions of the Range States and in accordance with Decision 14.101(c). This Decision directs Range States to establish a governance structure, including the creation of a Working Group of Range States, to support and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan, and to</p>

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	<p>facilitate cooperation and communication among Range States. Range States will be invited to provide feedback, finalize and agree the structure during the meeting. The document also includes a draft budget, proposed options for financing and cooperation with the Angelshark Conservation Network (ASCN). The draft budget will include two key sections: one covering the core costs of coordinating the implementation of SSAP and another focusing on implementation, detailing the estimated costs of project proposals submitted by the ASCN, as outlined in the draft POW.</p> <p>The Working Group is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review and agree on the Governance Structure; b) Select a Chair, Vice Chair and a Coordinator; c) Review the draft Budget and discuss options for financing; d) Consider making pledges to support the Budget; and e) Explore opportunities to provide financial or other necessary support directly to the ASCN for the implementation of selected projects.
<p>9 Next Steps</p>	
<p>10 Closure of the Meeting</p>	