



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

**REVIEW OF ANNEX IV
“TOOLS AND GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SSAP”**

(Prepared by the Secretariat and the Angel Shark Conservation Network)

1. This document includes in its **Annex** a draft “Toolbox for Implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med” for review by this meeting. The current version of the document will be included as Annex IV of the Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea region.

Background and Mandate

2. In accordance with Decision 14.104, “Non-governmental organizations, the Angel Shark Conservation Network (ASCN), and other experts are encouraged to provide technical support to Range States for the implementation of the Action Plan and the development of Annex IV, Tools and Guidelines to Support Implementation of the SSAP.”
3. With financial support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection and the Principality of Monaco, the Secretariat was able to commission the development of Annex IV “Toolbox for Implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med” to the Angelshark Conservation Network, specifically the Shark Trust.
4. The toolbox provides a compilation of important materials developed by the Angel Shark Conservation Network, partners and other organisations, that aim to support governments with the implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med. This includes guidance materials such as identification guides, safe handling and release guides, regional action plans, and more. Since there are several tools and methodologies currently under development (i.e. tagging toolbox, fisher engagement guidance etc), this Annex will be updated periodically,
5. For user-friendliness and easy navigation of the available tools, Table # references relevant tools for each activity.
6. This toolbox and additional materials are also available on the Angel Shark Conservation Network website.
7. Furthermore, a section is included on important experts that Parties may consider contacting for support.

Recommendations

8. We suggest that the toolbox should be widely utilized, regularly updated, and shared with all

relevant stakeholders. This will ensure that the tools and guidelines remain effective and accessible, promoting the successful and coordinated implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med.

Actions Requested

The Working Group is requested to:

- 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.

Annex

**ANNEX IV
TO THE SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR THE ANGELSHARK (SQUATINA SQUATINA)
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA**

“TOOLS AND GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SSAP”

Provided as a separate file: [UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.6.2/Annex](#)