

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Sharing of Information on Marine Mammals Through a Marine Mammal Observatory

Based on the **DECLARATION** done by the participants of the working group, the 20th February 2005 in the Seychelles:

The signatory agencies agree to cooperate and share data through the establishment of a Marine Mammal Observatory that will function as set out below:

- No signatory agency shall make public through publication or any other means, the data, raw or processed, of any other agency without the prior informed consent^[1] of the source agency.
- No signatory agency shall make public through publication or any other means analysis or conclusions drawn from the analysis of another agency's data without its prior informed consent.
- A signatory agency has the right to refuse the making public, through publication or any other means its data, raw or processed, or the analysis, or any conclusions drawn from the analysis, of its data by another signatory agency.
- A signatory agency may require co-author status on any publication which includes or draws upon its data.
- A signatory agency shall appropriately cite the data source in any publication or any other means of public presentation which includes or draws upon another agency's data.
- All signatory agencies agree to the non-public analysis and use of their data by the Marine Mammal Observatory, acting in union, when such analysis and use is solely for the elaboration and refinement of a Strategy and Action Plan. NO, What about immediate management measures
- All signatory agencies agree to the compilation and synthesis of their data by the Marine Mammal Observatory to determine the occurrence, status and trends of marine mammal populations in Seychelles and that such synthesis is made public.

^[1] **"Prior Informed Consent"** means: consent received from the Data Source Agency in advance of public release; with the Data Source Agency being fully informed of the nature, extent, context, and application of the data sourced and the form of its public release.

On behalf of the respective agencies:

Aride Island Nature Reserve/ICS
Fishing Boat Owners Association
Global Vision International (Sey)
Marine Conservation Society Seychelles
Marine Parks Authority/SCMRT
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
Seychelles Coast Guard
Seychelles Fishing Authority
Seychelles Islands Foundation
Zoological Society of Paris