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1. Research				
	1.1 Taxonomy			
	1.2 Population Size, Distribution and Past Trends			There may be some confusion about the difference between researching population trends and monitoring population trends (see 3.2). The distinction is that you may research how population has changed in the past whereas monitoring is more ongoing into the future.
	1.3 Life History and Ecology			
	1.4 Harvest, Use and Livelihoods			
	1.5 Threats			
	1.6 Conservation Actions			Research to determine how to mitigate particular threats (e.g., how to mitigate impacts of long-lining to reduce bycatch), or whether *ex-situ* breeding is possible
2. Conservation Planning				
	2.1 Species Action/Recovery Plan			
	2.2 Area-based Management Plan			
	2.3 Harvest and Trade Management Plan			

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3. Monitoring				
	3.1 Population Trends			There must be baseline information on population already available in order for monitoring of population trends to be selected as a research need. (See also 1.2 on researching population trends).
	3.2 Harvest level Trends			
	3.3 Trade Trends			
	3.4 Habitat Trends			
4. Other				
	4.1 Other		*This could for example be: Enhancing research knowledge and skills of students in a formal degree programme*	
Additional Notes:				
1. Research Needed is recorded in the SIS database via the Conservation module using the "Add Research Needed" or "Quick Add to Research Needed" functions.				