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REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR SHARKS
(IPOA-SHARKS): AC18 DOC. 19.2

This document has been prepared by the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Shark Specialist Group (SSG) and TRAFFIC.

Since the original report (AC18 Doc. 19.2) was produced for the CITES Secretariat in January 2002, the authors have received further information from Cuba, Grenada, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Niue and Uruguay, together with general information for the FAO Asia and the Pacific region, and for the West Africa sub-region. This recent information is presented in Table 1 in this document, and should be referred to in conjunction with Table 1 in our original report. The information in this and the original report has been obtained through the SSG and TRAFFIC international networks, and from fishery departments in a number of States. At the time of this document going to press we are still waiting for 15 individual fisheries departments and 5 FAO regional fisheries offices to respond to our request for information regarding the IPOA-Sharks.

In addition, we found that several States known to have shark fisheries (either direct or indirect), and/or appear in the Hong Kong fin trading records, were not mentioned in the document entitled 'Summary on Shark IPOAs' circulated prior to COFI 2001 or in the FAO COFI paper 2001/3, prepared for the COFI meeting. As such, nothing is known regarding the progress with the IPOA-Sharks of these States, although some are significant shark fishing and shark fin trading nations (Table 2, this document).

Finally, a summary of chondrichthyan landings reported to FAO in 1999, and shark fin import data from Hong Kong records in 2000 is presented in Table 3.

Table 1. Updated information on IPOA-Sharks implementation

Country	Situation in March 2002	
	SAR	NPOA
Cuba ¹	A yearly SAR is prepared	No
Grenada ²	No	No
Marshall Islands	No information	A draft document has been prepared: 'Assistance in formulating a NPOA-Sharks and Seabirds in the Republic of the Marshall Islands' ³
Mexico ⁴	No	Have a draft document as a basis for the NPOA.
Niue ⁵	No	No
Uruguay ⁶	No	No, but planned for this year
Asia and the Pacific Region ⁷ (Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam)	No, although SEAFDEC in Malaysia are developing a research project on biology and conservation of sharks which may form basis to SAR. [In Indonesia, studies have been carried out in 2000-01 on shark biology and fisheries.] ⁸	No
West Africa Sub-Region ⁹ (The Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal)	No	Sub-region NPOA officers to meet in March 2002 to study the NPOAs and prioritise actions

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Table 2. Shark fishing and/or shark fin trading States which do not appear in the COFI 2001 documents regarding progress on implementation of the IPOA-Sharks

Shark fishing or shark fin trading States which do not appear in the COFI 2001 documents	States reporting chondrichthyan landings to FAO (1999)	States importing fins to Hong Kong (2000)
Africa NES	No	Yes
Albania	Yes	No
Algeria	Yes*	No
Bahamas	Yes ⁺	No
Bahrain	No	Yes
Belize	Yes	Yes
Bermuda	Yes ⁺	No
British Virgin Islands	Yes ⁺	No
Bulgaria	Yes ⁺	No
Channel Islands	Yes	No
Chile	Yes*	Yes [#]
Cook Islands	Yes ⁺	No
Croatia	Yes	No
Czech R	No	Yes
El Salvador	Yes ⁺	Yes
Equatorial Guinea	Yes	No
Estonia	Yes ⁺	No
Faeroe Islands	Yes	No
Falkland Is. (Malvinas)	Yes	No
French Polynesia	Yes	No
Gabon	Yes*	Yes
Gaza Strip (Palestine)	Yes ⁺	No
Georgia	Yes	No
Guatemala	Yes	Yes
Guyana	No	Yes
Hong Kong SAR	Yes	No
Insular Spain	No	Yes
Isle of Man	Yes ⁺	No
Israel	Yes ⁺	No
Kiribati	Yes*	Yes
Lebanon	Yes ⁺	No
Liberia	Yes*	No
Maldives	Yes*	Yes

* States with chondrichthyan landings >1000t reported to FAO in 1999

⁺ States with chondrichthyan landings <100t reported to FAO in 1999

[#] States for which Hong Kong fin import data (2000) is recorded as >20,000kg dry wt

Shark fishing or shark fin trading States which do not appear in the COFI 2001 documents	States reporting chondrichthyan landings to FAO (1999)	States importing fins to Hong Kong (2000)
Malta	Yes ⁺	No
Martinique	Yes	No
Mauritania [♠]	Yes ⁺	Yes [#]
Mozambique	No	Yes
Nicaragua	No	Yes
Oman	Yes [*]	Yes [#]
Papua New Guinea	No	Yes
Puerto Rico	Yes ⁺	Yes
Qatar	No	Yes
Russian Federation	Yes [*]	No
Saint Lucia	Yes ⁺	No
Sao Tome and Principe	Yes	No
Saudi Arabia	Yes	No
Singapore	Yes	Yes [#]
Slovenia	Yes ⁺	No
Solomon Islands	Yes ⁺	Yes
St. Pierre and Miquelon	Yes ⁺	No
Swaziland	No	Yes
Tanzania, United Rep. of	Yes [*]	Yes [#]
Togo	Yes	Yes [#]
Trinidad and Tobago	Yes	Yes [#]
Uganda	No	Yes
Ukraine	Yes	Yes
United Arab Emirates	Yes [*]	Yes [#]
US Oceania	No	Yes [#]
Venezuela	Yes [*]	Yes [#]
W Samoa	No	Yes
Yemen	Yes [*]	Yes [#]
Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep. of	Yes ⁺	No

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[♠] Note, Mauritania is part of the West Africa Sub-Region group (see Table 1)

Table 3. Chondrichthyan landings reported to FAO in 1999 and shark fins imported by Hong Kong in 2000

State	Landings (t)	Fin imports (kg dry wt)
Africa NES		1,490
Albania	120	
Algeria	1,061	
Angola	1,399	1,451
Argentina	27,517	41,118
Australia	10,236	52,963
Australia & Oceania		6,045
Bahamas	1	
Bahrain		362
Bangladesh		42,053
Barbados	10	
Belgium	1,720	
Belize	519	16,291
Benin	110	
Bermuda	24	
Brazil	17,820	185,654
British Virgin Islands	1	
Bulgaria	25	
Cameroon	297	
Canada	11,122	56,079
Channel Islands	284	
Chile	4,595	30,275
China	378	60,629
China, Hong Kong SAR	300	
Colombia	389	18,131
Congo, Republic of	470	24,012
Cook Islands	30	
Costa Rica	3,616	120,083
Côte d'Ivoire	265	
Croatia	121	
Cuba	2,847	
Cyprus	4	
Czech R		718
Denmark	300	
Dominican Republic	134	
Ecuador		131,364
Egypt	1,565	5,509
El Salvador	51	9,338
Equatorial Guinea	910	
Eritrea	44	
Estonia	2	
Faeroe Islands	723	
Falkland Is.(Malvinas)	314	
Fiji		43,116
France	23,323	3,467
French Polynesia	427	
Gabon	2,191	7,864
Gambia	630	15,065
Gaza Strip (Palestine)	35	
Georgia	110	
Germany	382	
Ghana	4,867	506
Greece	1,625	

State	Landings (t)	Fin imports (kg dry wt)
Grenada	24	
Guatemala	203	4,865
Guinea-Bissau	10	
Guinea		80,831
Guyana		9,774
Iceland	1,218	
India	72,966	315,591
Indonesia	116,190	597,012
Ireland	4,093	
Isle of Man	22	
Israel	58	
Italy	1,557	
Ivory Coast		11,863
Japan	35,948	254,207
Kenya	131	16,049
Kiribati	3,012	634
Korea, Republic of	16,397	16,260
Lebanon	50	
Liberia	1,599	
Madagascar		19,630
Malaysia	25,125	11,895
Maldives	6,883	8,631
Malta	29	
Martinique	105	
Mauritania	31	56,856
Mauritius	11	19,488
Mexico	35,239	269,765
Morocco	3,467	2,843
Mozambique		2,894
Namibia	608	1,064
Netherlands	480	987
New Zealand	19,810	13,387
Nicaragua		1,968
Nigeria	15,373	5,291
Norway	2,374	14,713
Oman	4,309	149,279
Pakistan	54,958	55,298
Palau R		11,526
Panama	202	123,572
Papua New Guinea		7,560
Peru	8,989	100,973
Philippines	4,487	43,101
Portugal	8,993	
Puerto Rico	24	3,908
Qatar		430
Russian Federation	1,349	
Saint Lucia	6	
Sao Tome and Principe	190	
Saudi Arabia	604	
Senegal	8,221	129,844
Seychelles	68	7,643
Sierra Leone	51	
Singapore	309	296,720

State	Landings (t)	Fin imports (kg dry wt)
Slovenia	1	
Solomon Islands	10	4,362
South Africa	1,800	138,559
Spain	65,786	970,412
Insular Spain		795
Sri Lanka	29,360	54,535
St. Pierre and Miquelon	4	
Sudan		100
Suriname R		6,177
Swaziland		73
Sweden	118	
Taiwan Province of China	42,933	639,869
Tanzania, United Rep. of	4,800	21,751
Thailand	19,000	34,235
Togo	232	27,091
Tonga		1,456

State	Landings (t)	Fin imports (kg dry wt)
Trinidad and Tobago	500	23,618
Tunisia	2,018	2,663
Turkey	2,115	336
Uganda		10,800
Ukraine	125	901
UAE	1,724	498,863
UK	17,558	
USA	37,559	298,821
US Oceania		62,637
Uruguay	6,689	64,643
Venezuela	5,260	23,324
Vietnam		6,542
W Samoa		5,381
Yemen	5,700	350,052
Yugoslavia, FR	21	
Other NEI	189	