

FW: FAO EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL FOR ASSESSMENT OF CITES MARINE AND AQUATIC SPECIES PROPOSALS. Rome, Italy. 6-10 June 2016

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Fyi, let's see if we get some response from the Caribbean countries. Of course only 2 proposed species are of importance for the countries I expect.

Kind regards

Raymon

-----Original Message-----

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Dear Chief Fisheries officers, Directors and National Focal points of WECAFC members,

The FAO has the responsibility to organize a CITES Expert Advisory Panel for the assessment of proposals to amend CITES Appendices I and II for marine and aquatic species. FAO then reports information and advice as appropriate, on each listing proposal. This report is delivered in good time to all Member Countries of FAO, the CITES Secretariat and CITES Parties, prior to the CITES Conference of the Parties (COP) where the proposed amendment/s will be decided. The CITES Conference of the Parties (COP17) is scheduled to take place in South Africa in 24 September- 5 October this year.

The final list of species for which proposals have been made for CITES listing amendment, have now been posted (<https://cites.org/eng/cop/17/prop/index.php>). Please find here below the names of the marine and aquatic commercial species for your interest:

- v Thresher sharks (*Alopias superciliosus*, bigeye thresher shark, *Alopias vulpinus*, common thresher shark and *Alopias pelagicus*, pelagic thresher shark; proposed by Sri Lanka);
- v Silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*; proposed by Maldives);
- v Mobula rays (*Mobula tarapacana*, sicklefin devil ray, *Mobula japonica*, spinetail devil ray, *Mobula mobular*, giant devil ray, *Mobula thurstoni*, bentfin devil ray, *Mobula eregoodootenkee*, longhorned pygmy devil ray, *Mobula kuhlii*, shortfin pygmy devil ray, *Mobula hypostoma*, Atlantic pygmy devil ray, *Mobula rochebrunei*, Guinean pygmy devil ray, *Mobula munkiana*, Munk's pygmy devil ray and any putative species of Mobula; proposed by Fiji);
- v Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*; proposed by EU);
- v Ocellate river stingray (*Potamotrygon motoro*; proposed by Bolivia); and
- v All Nautilidae (*Allonautilus* spp. *Allonautilus perforatus*, *Allonautilus scrobiculatus*, *Nautilus belauensis*, *Nautilus macromphalus*, *Nautilus pompilius*, *Nautilus repertus*, *Nautilus stenomphalus*; proposed by Fiji, India and USA);
- v Clarion angelfish (*Holocanthus clarionensis*, proposed by Mexico).

FAO will convene the FAO-CITES Expert Advisory Panel between the 6-10 June 2016 and my colleague Mr. Kim Friedman (copied above) welcomes any data or information you might like to submit to him, that you feel is pertinent to the Panel's deliberations. The Panel would be especially interested to hear about new data, information or issues on the biology-ecology, trade and management of these species, or receive new information on catches, landings and conservation and management measures (including compliance).

If you have any of such information, we would be grateful if you could send the info to Mr Kim Friedman (Kim.Friedman@fao.org). Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Secretary of WECAFC