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Dear Mr. Scanlon,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 May 2016 informing ICCAT of the proposals to amend CITES Appendices I and II, which has been circulated to all ICCAT Contracting Parties.

I should like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention that ICCAT already has adopted conservation and management measures pertaining to the shark species mentioned, both generally through:

- *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by ICCAT* [Rec. 04-10]

<https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2004-10-e.pdf> and;

- *Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Sharks* [Rec. 07-06]

<https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2007-06-e.pdf> as well as specifically to *Alopias* spp, through:

- *Recommendation by ICCAT On The Conservation of Thresher Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area* [Rec. 09-07]

<https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2009-07-e.pdf>

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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