



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



## CMS Secretariat Comments on Proposals to Amend CITES Appendices I and II at CITES COP19

In accordance with Article XV paragraph 2 (b) of the CITES Convention, the CITES Secretariat requested the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to comment on listing proposals for marine species.

The CMS Secretariat will provide comments on the following proposals as they concern species listed on the appendices of CMS:

1. **Proposal to include Carcharhinidae spp. in CITES Appendix II**
2. **Proposal to include Rhinobatidae spp. in CITES Appendix II**

### 1. Carcharhinidae spp.

- The **Dusky Shark** (*Carcharhinus obscurus*) was listed in **CMS Appendix II** in 2017 and in **Annex 1** of the **CMS Sharks MOU** in 2018.
- The **Blue Shark** (*Prionace glauca*) was listed in **CMS Appendix II** in 2017.

Appendix II lists migratory species which have an unfavourable conservation status, and which require international agreements for their conservation and management, as well as those which have a conservation status which would significantly benefit from the international cooperation that could be achieved by an international agreement. As a result of the listing in CMS Appendix II, the 133 Parties to CMS, shall endeavour to conclude global or regional agreements for the conservation and management of these species.

### 2. Rhinobatidae spp.

- The global population of the **Common Guitarfish** (*Rhinobatos rhinobatos*) was listed in **CMS Appendix II** in 2017 and in Annex 1 of the **CMS Sharks MOU** in 2018.
- The **Mediterranean Sea population** of the Common Guitarfish was included in **CMS Appendix I** in 2017.

CMS Parties have adopted **Concerted Actions 13.8 and 13.9**, which address a number of species including the Common Guitarfish, to enhance national, regional, and international cooperation to improve the conservation status of this and related species.

133 Parties to CMS, out of which 131 are also Parties to CITES, have committed to strictly protecting the Mediterranean Sea population of *R. rhinobatos* by prohibiting the taking of such species, with very restricted scope for exceptions ([CMS Article III \(5\)](#)).

In addition, CMS Parties are encouraged to conclude global or regional Agreements for the conservation and management of the species in its entire range.

The 49 Signatories to the Sharks MOU, 46 of which are also Parties to CITES (see Table 2), have agreed to cooperate through an international Conservation Plan that aims to achieve and maintain a favorable conservation status for the species which are listed in its Annex 1.

## Summary

For ease of reference, Table 1 provides an overview of the status of the above species under CMS and the Sharks MOU, as well as references to recent reviews of their conservation status.

**Table 1:** Status and year of listing under CMS and Sharks MOU of shark species that are proposed for listing in CITES Appendices at CITES COP19.

Species	CMS Appendix I	CMS Appendix II	Sharks MOU Annex 1	Existing CMS Reviews and proposals for listing in CMS
<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>		2017	2018	<a href="#">CMS Technical Series No.15</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.21/Rev.1</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.21/Add.1</a> <a href="#">CMS/Sharks/MOS3/Doc.9.1/Rev.1</a>
<i>Prionace glauca</i>		2017		<a href="#">CMS Technical Series No.15</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.22/Rev.1</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.22/Add.1</a> <a href="#">CMS/Sharks/MOS3/Doc.9.1/Rev.1</a>
<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i>	2017 (Mediterranean Sea population only)	2017	2018	<a href="#">CMS Technical Series No.15</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.24(a)</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.24(a)/Add.1</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.24(b)</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/doc.25.1.24(c)/Rev.1</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.24(d)/Rev.1</a> <a href="#">UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.24(b-d)/Add.1</a> <a href="#">CMS/Sharks/MOS3/Doc.9.1/Rev.1</a> <a href="#">Concerted Action 13.8</a> <a href="#">Concerted Action 13.9</a>

**Table 2.** List of Countries that are Parties to CITES, CMS or Signatories to the Sharks MOU. Note that 131 CITES Parties are also Parties to CMS (as at August, 2022).

<b>Country</b>	<b>CITES Party</b>	<b>CMS Party</b>	<b>Sharks MOU Signatory</b>
Afghanistan	Yes	Yes	
Albania	Yes	Yes	
Algeria	Yes	Yes	
Andorra	Yes		
Angola	Yes	Yes	
Antigua and Barbuda	Yes	Yes	
Argentina	Yes	Yes	
Armenia	Yes	Yes	
Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan	Yes		
Bahamas	Yes		
Bahrain	Yes	Yes	
Bangladesh	Yes	Yes	
Barbados	Yes		
Belarus	Yes	Yes	
Belgium	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belize	Yes		
Benin	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bhutan	Yes		
Bolivia	Yes	Yes	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes	Yes	
Botswana	Yes		
Brazil	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brunei Darussalam	Yes		
Bulgaria	Yes	Yes	
Burkina Faso	Yes	Yes	
Burundi	Yes	Yes	
Cabo Verde	Yes	Yes	
Cambodia	Yes		
Cameroon	Yes	Yes	
Canada	Yes		
Central African Republic	Yes	Yes	
Chad	Yes	Yes	
Chile	Yes	Yes	Yes
China	Yes		
Colombia	Yes		Yes
Comoros	Yes		Yes
Congo	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cook Islands	Yes	Yes	
Costa Rica	Yes	Yes	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	Yes	Yes	Yes
Croatia	Yes	Yes	
Cuba	Yes	Yes	
Cyprus	Yes	Yes	
Czech Republic	Yes	Yes	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Yes	Yes	

<b>Country</b>	<b>CITES Party</b>	<b>CMS Party</b>	<b>Sharks MOU Signatory</b>
Denmark	Yes	Yes	Yes
Djibouti	Yes	Yes	
Dominica	Yes		
Dominican Republic	Yes	Yes	
Ecuador	Yes	Yes	Yes
Egypt	Yes	Yes	Yes
El Salvador	Yes		
Equatorial Guinea	Yes	Yes	
Eritrea	Yes	Yes	
Estonia	Yes	Yes	
Eswatini	Yes	Yes	
Ethiopia	Yes	Yes	
European Union	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fiji	Yes	Yes	
Finland	Yes	Yes	
France	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gabon	Yes	Yes	
Gambia	Yes	Yes	
Georgia	Yes	Yes	
Germany	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ghana	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greece	Yes	Yes	
Grenada	Yes		
Guatemala	Yes		
Guinea	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	Yes	Yes	
Guyana	Yes		
Honduras	Yes	Yes	
Hungary	Yes	Yes	
Iceland	Yes		
India	Yes	Yes	
Indonesia	Yes		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Yes	Yes	
Iraq	Yes	Yes	
Ireland	Yes	Yes	
Israel	Yes	Yes	
Italy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jamaica	Yes		
Japan	Yes		
Jordan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kazakhstan	Yes	Yes	
Kenya	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kuwait	Yes		
Kyrgyzstan	Yes	Yes	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yes		
Latvia	Yes	Yes	
Lebanon	Yes	Yes	
Lesotho	Yes		
Liberia	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>Country</b>	<b>CITES Party</b>	<b>CMS Party</b>	<b>Sharks MOU Signatory</b>
Libya	Yes	Yes	Yes
Liechtenstein	Yes	Yes	
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	
Luxembourg	Yes	Yes	
Madagascar	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malawi	Yes	Yes	
Malaysia	Yes		
Maldives	Yes	Yes	
Mali	Yes	Yes	
Malta	Yes	Yes	
Mauritania	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mauritius	Yes	Yes	
Mexico	Yes		
Monaco	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mongolia	Yes	Yes	
Montenegro	Yes	Yes	
Morocco	Yes	Yes	
Mozambique	Yes	Yes	
Myanmar	Yes		
Namibia	Yes		
Nauru			Yes
Nepal	Yes		
Netherlands	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Zealand	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nicaragua	Yes		
Niger	Yes	Yes	
Nigeria	Yes	Yes	
North Macedonia	Yes	Yes	
Norway	Yes	Yes	
Oman	Yes		
Pakistan	Yes	Yes	
Palau	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panama	Yes	Yes	
Papua New Guinea	Yes		
Paraguay	Yes	Yes	
Peru	Yes	Yes	
Philippines	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portugal	Yes	Yes	
Qatar	Yes		
Republic of Austria	Yes	Yes	
Republic of Korea	Yes		
Republic of Moldova	Yes	Yes	
Romania	Yes		Yes
Russian Federation	Yes		
Rwanda	Yes	Yes	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Yes		
Saint Lucia	Yes		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Yes		

<b>Country</b>	<b>CITES Party</b>	<b>CMS Party</b>	<b>Sharks MOU Signatory</b>
Samoa	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Marino	Yes		
São Tomé and Príncipe	Yes	Yes	
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senegal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Serbia	Yes	Yes	
Seychelles	Yes	Yes	
Sierra Leone	Yes		
Singapore	Yes		
Slovakia	Yes	Yes	
Slovenia	Yes	Yes	
Solomon Islands	Yes		
Somalia	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Africa	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spain	Yes	Yes	
Sri Lanka	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sudan	Yes		Yes
Suriname	Yes		
Sweden	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	Yes	Yes	
Syrian Arab Republic	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tajikistan	Yes	Yes	
Thailand	Yes		
Togo	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trinidad and Tobago	Yes	Yes	
Tunisia	Yes	Yes	
Türkiye	Yes		
Turkmenistan		Yes	
Tuvalu			Yes
Uganda	Yes	Yes	
Ukraine	Yes	Yes	
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Republic of Tanzania	Yes	Yes	
United States of America	Yes		Yes
Uruguay	Yes	Yes	
Uzbekistan	Yes	Yes	
Vanuatu	Yes		Yes
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Yes		
Viet Nam	Yes		
Yemen	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zambia	Yes		
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	