

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION CONF. 12.6 (REV. COP15) ON  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS (CLASS CHONDRICHTHYES)

DRAFT PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE *LAMNA NASUS* IN APPENDIX II  
(Agenda items 16 and 26.2)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chairs: representative of Oceania (Mr Robertson) as Chair and alternate representative of Asia (Mr Ishii) as Vice-Chair;
- Parties: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom and United States; and
- IGOs and NGOs: European Union, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, SEAFDEC – Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Animal Welfare Institute, Defenders of Wildlife, Fundación Cethus, Humane Society of the United States, Pew Environment Group, Project AWARE Foundation, Species Management Specialists, Species Survival Network, SWAN International, TRAFFIC International and Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF.

Mandate

In support of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP15) and reporting by the Animals Committee at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16), the working group shall:

1. Examine the information provided by range States on trade and other relevant data in response to Notifications to the Parties Nos. 2010/027 and 2011/049 and taking into account discussions in plenary, together with the final report of the joint FAO/CITES *Workshop to review the application and effectiveness of international regulatory measures for the conservation and sustainable use of elasmobranchs (Italy, 2010)* and other relevant information;
2. Draft an analysis of the information mentioned in paragraph 1 above, including recommendations, for consideration by the Committee and subsequent reporting at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
3. Review the draft proposal to include *Lamna nasus* in Appendix II, presented in document AC26 Doc. 26.2, and provide comments for consideration by the Committee.

## Recommendations

1. Parties take note of the above documents submitted to the Animals Committee when reviewing species of concern from the Class Chondrichthyes, and the Secretariat inform Parties when the final version of the UK Report on assessing the intrinsic vulnerability of harvested sharks (AC26 Inf. 9) becomes available;
2. The CITES Secretariat contact the top 26 shark fishing Member States/Entities (i.e. those taking >1% of the global catch of sharks) that did not respond to CITES notifications (2010/027 and 2011/049 – as they relate to sharks) or to the FAO questionnaire on the status of implementation of the FAO IPOA–Sharks, and encourage a response, and the Secretariat to make this information publicly available to the Parties;
3. The CITES Secretariat invite Parties that responded to CITES Notification 2011/049, but did not provide the following information on trade in sharks and on domestic measures (e.g. laws or regulations) regulating the import or export of shark parts and products (fins, meat, skin, organs, etc.), to do so, and the Secretariat to make this information publicly available to the Parties;
4. The CITES Secretariat issue a notification alerting Parties when the FAO report “*The Implementation of the International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks*” (in preparation for the upcoming COFI meeting in July 2012), becomes available and provide a link to this document;
5. The summary list of shark species submitted by Parties in response to Notification 2011/049 a) ii, that they believe require additional action to enhance their conservation and management, be appended to this Working Group report;
6. Recognising the MOU between the CITES and FAO Secretariats, ask the CITES Secretariat to request from FAO the terms of reference for the FAO assessment to be undertaken regarding all commercially exploited aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices, make this information available to Parties through a notification, and request FAO to report on progress in its reports to CoP16 and AC27;

## Draft Decisions

- 1) RECOGNIZING that it is difficult for Parties to avoid importing illegally-obtained shark products if they are unaware of the domestic legislation and regulations of other Parties, or of measures adopted by RFMOs, and hence to enable importing Parties, [where applicable,] to assist exporting Parties with the enforcement of their laws, [as appropriate,] and to assist the Animals Committee to inform the Parties as required under Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev CoP15);

REQUESTS the Animals Committee to ask the Standing Committee to request the Secretariat to:

- i) issue a Notification to Parties requesting them to summarise their domestic laws and regulations that prohibit the landing or trade of shark species and products, and provide copies of or links to these instruments; in order for the Secretariat to make this information available on the CITES website; and
  - ii) collaborate with the FAO Secretariat in the development of a single, regularly updated, source summarising current RFMO measures for shark conservation and management, with information on species, fisheries, Members/Contracting Parties, and the geographical areas covered and excluded;
- 2) RECOGNIZING/RECALLING the CITES/CMS Joint Work Plan,

ENCOURAGES Parties to engage with the work of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), as appropriate, particularly for shark species listed in the relevant Appendices to CITES and CMS, recognising that CMS Parties are required to strive towards strictly protecting species listed in Appendix I to CMS, including by prohibiting the taking of these species, and to implement other measures through the Migratory Sharks MOU;

## Draft amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. Cop15)

The following wording (underlined) to be added to operative paragraphs 6 and 8:

URGES Parties that are shark fishing States but that have not yet implemented an NPOA-Sharks, to develop their own NPOAs at the earliest opportunity and take steps to improve research and data collection on both fisheries and trade as a first step towards their Shark Plans, particularly the necessity to

improve the collection of catch and trade data at the lowest taxonomic level possible (ideally by species), and to report these data to the relevant national, regional and international authorities;

ENCOURAGES Parties to improve data collection, data reporting, management and conservation measures for shark species, implementing, enhancing and enforcing these actions through domestic, bilateral, RFMOs or other international measures;

LIST OF SHARK SPECIES (CLASS CHONDRICHTHYES) SUBMITTED BY PARTIES

The Animals Committee notes that the following list of shark species (*Class Chondrichthyes*) were submitted by the Parties in response to CITES Notification to the Parties No. 2011/049, which invited Parties to submit a list of shark species (*Class Chondrichthyes*) that they believe require additional action to enhance their conservation and management, including if possible any concrete measures which they believe to be needed (for more details, see documents AC26 Doc. 16.1 and AC26 Doc. 16.2).

**Australia** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex AU)

School shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*)  
Gulper sharks (*Centrophorus harrissoni*,  
*C. moluccensis*, *C. zeehaani*)

**Colombia** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex CO)

Silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformes*)  
Oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)  
Scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*)

**European Union** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex EU)

Shortfin (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) and longfin Mako  
(*Isurus paucus*)  
Porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*)  
Bigeye thresher (*Alopias superciliosus*)  
Silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformes*)  
Scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*)  
Spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*)

**India** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex IN)

Whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*)  
Knifetooth sawfish (*Anoxypristis cuspidate*)  
Pondicherry shark (*Carcharhinus hemiodon*)  
Ganges shark (*Glyphis gangeticus*)  
Speartooth shark (*Glyphis glyphis*)  
Ganges stingray (*Himantura fluviatilis*)  
Largetooth sawfish (*Pristis microdon*)  
Longcomb sawfish (*Pristis zijsron*)  
Giant guitarfish (*Rhynchobatus djiddensis*)  
Porcupine ray (*Urogymnus asperrimus*)

**Israel** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex IL)

Sharpnose guitarfish (*Glaucostegus granulatus*)  
Halavi Guitarfish (*Glaucostegus halavi*)  
Clubnose guitarfish (*Glaucostegus thouin*)  
Common shovelnose Ray, Giant shovelnose Ray  
(*Glaucostegus typus*)

**Japan** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex JP)

Whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*)  
Basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*)  
Great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*)

**Montenegro** (this submission was provided after the deadline and will be posted as an information document on the CITES website)

Porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*)  
Blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)

**New Zealand** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex NZ)

Deepwater Nurse Shark (*Odontaspis ferox*)  
Manta Ray (*Manta birostris*)  
Spinetail Devil Ray/Spinetail Mobula (*Mobula japonica*)  
Shortfin Mako Shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*)  
Longfin Mako Shark (*Isurus paucus*)  
Porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*)  
Scalloped Hammerhead Shark (*Sphyrna lewini*)  
Great hammerhead Shark (*Sphyrna mokarran*)  
Smooth Hammerhead Shark (*Sphyrna zygaena*)  
Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)

**United States of America** (AC26 Doc. 16.2 Annex US)

Spiny dogfish shark (*Squalus acanthias*)  
Porbeagle shark (*Lamna nasus*)  
Freshwater stingrays Family Potamotrygonidae  
Sawfishes Family Pristidae  
Gulper sharks genus *Centrophorus*  
School, tope, or soupfin shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*)  
Guitarfishes, shovelnose rays Order  
Rhinobatiformes  
Requiem and pelagic sharks  
Devil rays Family Mobulidae  
Leopard sharks (*Triakis semifasciata*)  
Hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna* spp.)  
Dusky shark (*Carcharhinus obscurus*)  
Thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp.)  
Shortfin mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*)  
Silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*)  
Oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)  
Blue shark (*Prionace glauca*)  
Sandbar shark (*Carcharhinus plumbeus*)  
Bull shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*)  
Tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*)