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**SUBJECT: Reply to No 2015/027 Notification from the CITES Secretariat, concerning
new information on fishery management measures for sharks**

Re. No.: NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES No. 2015/027 dated 11-05-2015.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Answering to your request of the above mentioned Notification No. 2015/027, (paragraph 4a) we let you know that according to the Regulations 2008/199 and 2008/665 and under the National Program of Collecting Fisheries Data, our country is obliged to collect scientific data about taxon *Elasmobranchii*. Nonetheless, during 2014 no species of CITES Appendix II, including those of which have been included at 16th meeting (CoP16), was fishing.

In Greece there is no National Action Plan for Sharks adopted (parag. 4e) as shark fishing is mainly interlocutory and although some species are targeted by fishing vessels, none of them is included in CITES Appendix II.

We have to mention that although there is no national legislation concerning the conservation and management of sharks and rays our country complies with EU Regulation 2003/1185, as amended by EU Reg. 2013/605, concerning removal of shark fins on board and also as a party of the International Commission for the Conservation of

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Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) complies with recommendations for the Mediterranean species (parag. 4f).

Finally and in accordance with the above we do not have information available for paragraphs 4b, 4c, 4d.

Sincerely yours,
The Director

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