

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

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DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

The following draft decisions have been prepared by a working group on sharks chaired by New Zealand and established by Committee I, following discussions of agenda item 35.

Directed to the Animals Committee

13.xx The Animals Committee, taking account of FAO's work on the conservation and management of sharks and on CITES implementation issues relating to listed marine species, shall:

- a) review implementation issues related to sharks listed on CITES Appendices with a view *inter alia* to sharing experiences that may have arisen and solutions that may have been found;
- b) identify specific cases where trade is having an adverse impact on sharks, and in particular those key shark species threatened in this way;
- c) prepare a report on trade related measures adopted and implemented by Parties which are aimed at improving the conservation status of sharks; and
- d) report back on the above to the 14th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

Directed to Parties

13.xx Parties:

- a) shall request through their delegations to FAO COFI 26 that FAO consider convening a workshop or consultation on the conservation and management of sharks, in time for output to be considered at CoP 14, *inter alia* to:
 - i) consider and review progress with the implementation of the IPOA-Sharks;
 - ii) [assess the effectiveness and efficiency of current conservation and management measures for sharks and identify any improvements needed;]
- b) are encouraged to improve their data collection and reporting to FAO of catches, landings and trade of sharks, at the species level where possible, recognising that *inter alia* this may be a first step towards the development and implementation of Shark Assessment Reports and National Plans of Action;
- c) that require assistance to build capacity to manage their shark fisheries are encouraged to seek such assistance from FAO or other appropriate organisations;
- d) shall take note of the species-specific recommendations in CoP13 Doc.35 Annex 2 with a view to ensuring that international trade is not detrimental to the status of these species; and
- e) [are encouraged to consider stricter domestic measures for CITES listed sharks, where they deem it necessary].