

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation issues

Sharks

TRADE MEASURES REGARDING THE PORBEAGLE *LAMNA NASUS* AND
THE SPINY DOGFISH *SQUALUS ACANTHIAS*

This document has been submitted by Germany, on behalf of the European Community Member States acting in the interest of the European Community, and with the support of Georgia. It is submitted in relation to the proposals to include *Lamna nasus* and *Squalus acanthias* in Appendix II (proposals CoP14 Prop. 15 and CoP14 Prop. 16 respectively).

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat welcomes cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) over the listing in the CITES Appendices of commercially-exploited aquatic species within the purview of that organization and their implementation. However, if the listing of these two shark species in Appendix II were agreed, the responsibility for the establishment of specific quotas or other trade restrictions would rest with CITES Parties. Furthermore, under Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, the Animals Committee is charged with identifying problems and solutions concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a). Additionally, Resolution Conf. 12.6 on Conservation and Management of Sharks already directs the Animals Committee to make species-specific recommendations to the Conference of the Parties if necessary on improving the conservation status of sharks and the regulation of international trade in these species. FAO has been present at each of the recent meetings of the Animals Committee and has assisted the Committee in undertaking these duties.
- B. In view of these well-established responsibilities under existing CITES provisions, the Secretariat does not recommend the acceptance of these draft decisions.

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Concerning porbeagle *Lamna nasus*

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 14.XX The Animals Committee, in consultation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other relevant experts, shall examine trade in *Lamna nasus* and report at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on any trade measures that may be required, including establishment of specific quotas or other trade restrictions for *Lamna nasus*, in order to maintain the level of exports of the species below the level that would be detrimental to its survival in the wild.

Concerning spiny dogfish *Squalus acanthias*

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 14.XX The Animals Committee, in consultation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other relevant experts, shall examine both legal and illegal trade in *Squalus acanthias* and report at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on any trade measures that may be required, including establishment of specific quotas or other trade restrictions for *Squalus acanthias*, in order to maintain the level of exports of the species below the level that would be detrimental to its survival in the wild.