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Subject: Shark information re CITES Listing Proposals

Dear Mr Scanlon,

Thank-you for your letter of 16 November requesting information on various shark species that will be considered by CITES in the upcoming months. The NAFO Secretariat has reviewed the list and documents provided. Some of the species do occur in the NAFO Convention Area but none of the fisheries for these species are presently managed by NAFO, nor does NAFO Secretariat have any scientific information on these species.

NAFO manages the fishery for only one stock of elasmobranch, *Amblyraja radiata*, that occurs in our Regulatory Area. As well NAFO has Article 12 in the NAFO Conservation and Management Measures relating to sharks. This article pertains mostly to banning of shark-finning and reporting and research requirements for sharks in general.

We welcome the opportunity to start the cooperation between two Secretariats and participate in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Vladimir Shibanov
Executive Secretary

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