

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/027

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CONCERNING:

Reservations on Appendices I and II

1. The Depository Government (Government of Switzerland) has informed the Secretariat that, within the deadline foreseen in Article XV, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservations were entered with respect to the amendments to Appendices I and II adopted at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013):

Party	Species (all included in Appendix II)	Date of entry of reservation
Denmark with regard to the application of the Convention to Greenland	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	31 May 2013
Guyana	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	7 May 2013
	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	
	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	
	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	
	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	
	<i>Manta spp.</i>	
Iceland	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	12 June 2013
Japan	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	29 May 2013
	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	
	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	
	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	
	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	
Yemen	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	25 April 2013
	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	
	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	

2. In addition, on 5 June Canada entered a reservation with respect to all amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention adopted at CoP16, owing to the necessity to complete its domestic legal requirements for the entry into force of these amendments.

3. At the time of entering its reservations, Japan made the following declaration (original in English):
 - a) *Through regional fisheries management organizations and in cooperation with other countries, Japan will continue to make efforts in conservation and management of the shark species on which it made reservations.*
 - b) *Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of Article XV of the CITES, upon exporting the above-mentioned shark species to all countries including those which are not a party to CITES, Japan will voluntarily conduct procedures related to export permits that are required under CITES, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations.*
 - c) *Japan is ready to contribute, from the technical point of view, to the discussions to be held during the 18 months preparatory period with regard to such issues as the guidance to identify regulated shark fin.*
4. This information was communicated officially to the signatory and acceding States to the Convention through a Notification from the Depositary Government.
5. The above-listed reservations were all effective from 12 June 2013, the date on which the amendments to the CITES Appendices adopted at CoP16 entered into force.
6. It should be noted that, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 4.25 (Rev. CoP14) on *Reservations*, the transfer of a species from one Appendix renders invalid any existing reservation on the species. Consequently the existing reservations of China with regard to *Sphyrna lewini* and *Lamna nasus* included in Appendix III have been deleted from the list of reservations, as these species were included in Appendix II at CoP16.
7. The current list of specific reservations entered by Parties is available on the CITES website under "Documents / Reservations", at the following URL:

<http://www.cites.org/eng/app/reserve.php>