



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/066

Geneva, 9 May 2025

CONCERNING:

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

Consultation with 1) range States on a proposal to include all species of the family *Centrophoridae* (gulper sharks) in Appendix II and, 2) with Parties on draft decisions on trade, conservation and management of deep-water elasmobranchs

1. This Notification is being published at the request of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union.
2. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 8.21 (Rev. CoP16) on *Consultation with range States on proposals to amend Appendices I and II*, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union wish to consult range States.
3. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union are considering submitting a proposal for deliberation at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to include dwarf gulper shark (*Centrophorus atromarginatus*), and the gulper shark (*Centrophorus granulosus*) in Appendix II based on the criteria adopted in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) Annex 2a, Criterion A and B. It is also proposed to include any other species of the family *Centrophoridae* (gulper sharks) in Appendix II based on the criteria adopted in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) Annex 2b, Criterion A. The draft proposal can be found in **Annex 1** to this Notification.
4. Accordingly, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union request range States to provide any available information on the conservation status (distribution, population size, structure, and trends), and on legal domestic and international trade of specimens, parts, and derivatives, as well as information on illegal trade (seizures and confiscations). Range States may wish to build on any information previously provided to the Secretariat in response to Notification to the Parties [No.2024/088](#).
5. Please note that the final decision about whether the European Union will proceed with the submission of the proposal has not been taken yet and range States' input will be considered. The final decision will be taken by the Council of the European Union, likely in June 2025.

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6. In addition, following the request for information in Notification to the Parties [No. 2024/088](#) and the replies collected in the Notification to the Parties [No. 2024/123](#), the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have prepared a draft set of decisions aimed at gathering further information on the use and trade of deep-water elasmobranch species, management measures and their effectiveness, as well as identifying implementation challenges. The draft working document can be found in **Annex 2** to this Notification.
7. Parties are invited to submit initial comments to this Notification by **Thursday 22 May 2025**, and final responses by **Friday 6 June 2025**, by email directly to the CITES Management Authority of the UK at CITES.UKMA@defra.gov.uk, and to the European Commission at env-cites@ec.europa.eu.