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Dear Legco Members,

We are writing for the submission on Wildlife Trade, and in particular sharks.

As a global "citizen", Hong Kong has a responsibility to treat not only this community, but the global commons, with respect and sustainable practices of consumption, ensuring that ecosystems are not ruined as a result. There is no proven sustainable shark fin fishery, and Hong Kong's single, per-capita negative impact on the world's ocean, via both trade and consumption of shark fins, is higher than any other city's in the world.

We highly recommend that you support the following:

- 1) strict reporting on all shark products entering Hong Kong, in terms of species types, origin and volumes. All to be reported publicly every 6 months.
- 2) cessation of any products which ban exports and trade of the products themselves.
- 3) monthly data collection (with spot checks) on mercury content and other toxins in products (including oils and pills), to be reported publicly on the Afcd and/or other Govt websites.
- 4) public awareness and education campaign for 18months with budget and exposure similar to that of the top two public govt campaigns in the past year, promoting the community to stop serving shark fins and other products.

Hong Kong deserves to have a better reputation as a global city that cares about the world it survives in.

Sincerely
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