



WildAid Hong Kong submission on protection of endangered shark species

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Dear Madame Chair,

We would like to draw your attention to two important matters with regards to the next Hong Kong Legislative Council Environmental Affairs Panel meeting on 'protection of endangered shark species' on Thursday 19 July 2018.

1) New CITES Information on Hammerhead Shark 'Lookalike' Species Being Used as a Laundering Mechanism for CITES Controlled Species of Hammerhead Sharks

Please find attached a CITES document for discussion at the 30th meeting of the CITES Animals Committee meeting which takes place in Geneva this week (16 to 21 July 2018). We would greatly appreciate it if the attached document could please be posted separately to this submission.

The document references an April 2018 report by Dr Cassandra Rigby and Professor Colin Simpfendorfer of James Cook University in Australia that was commissioned by WWF/TRAFFIC, and is entitled 'CITES Appendix II Implementation Issues for the Three Listed Hammerhead Sharks of the Family Sphyrnidae Due to Look-Alike Issues with the Six Remaining Non-Listed Species of the Family'.

The report highlights ongoing irregularities and illegal activity in Hong Kong's shark fin market, whereby hammerhead 'look-alike' species are being used by Hong Kong shark fin traders as a new laundering mechanism for the smuggling of three illegal CITES controlled hammerhead species.

2) Going beyond CITES

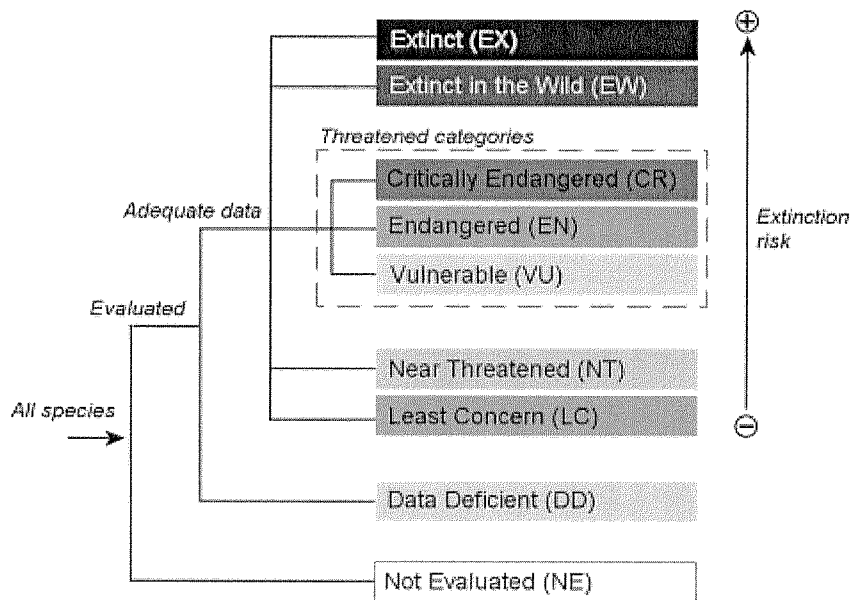
WildAid greatly welcomes the Hong Kong government's recent positive attitude and will to move 'beyond CITES' and as such encourages the government to adopt stricter import control measures over sharks that are included in the 'Critically Endangered' (CR), 'Endangered' (EN) and 'Vulnerable' (VU) categories of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

A full list of 'Critically Endangered' (CR), 'Endangered' (EN) and 'Vulnerable' (VU) shark species is listed below for ease of reference:-

Order:			
Family	Scientific Name	IUCN Red List Category	Common Names
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus hemiodon</i>	CR	Pondicherry Shark, Long nosed shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Glyphis gangeticus</i>	CR	Ganges Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Glyphis garricki</i>	CR	New Guinea River Shark, Northern River Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Glyphis siamensis</i>	CR	Irrawaddy River Shark
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Haploblepharus kistnasamyi</i>	CR	Natal Skyshark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Isogomphodon oxyrhynchus</i>	CR	Daggernose Shark
Triakidae	<i>Mustelus fasciatus</i>	CR	Striped Dogfish, Striped Smooth-hound
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus borneensis</i>	EN	Borneo Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus leiodon</i>	EN	Smoothtooth Blacktip Shark, Smoothtooth Blacktip
Sphyrnidae	<i>Eusphyra blochii</i>	EN	Winghead Shark, Slender Hammerhead
Carcharhinidae	<i>Glyphis glyphis</i>	EN	Speartooth Shark
Triakidae	<i>Hemitriakis leucoperiptera</i>	EN	Whitefin Topeshark, Whitefin Topeshark
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Holohalaelurus favus</i>	EN	Honeycomb Izak, Natal Izak
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Holohalaelurus punctatus</i>	EN	Whitespotted Izak, African Spotted Catshark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Lamiopsis temminckii</i>	EN	Broadfin Shark
Triakidae	<i>Mustelus schmitti</i>	EN	Narrownose Smoothhound
Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	EN	Scalloped Hammerhead
Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	EN	Great Hammerhead, Hammerhead Shark, Squat-headed Hammerhead Shark
Triakidae	<i>Triakis acutipinna</i>	EN	Sharpfin Houndshark, Tollo
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Atelomycterus baliensis</i>	VU	Bali Catshark
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Aulohalaelurus kanakorum</i>	VU	New Caledonia Catshark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus albimarginatus</i>	VU	Silvertip Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	VU	Silky Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	VU	Oceanic Whitetip Shark, Whitetip Oceanic Shark, White-tipped Shark, Whitetip Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	VU	Dusky Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	VU	Sandbar Shark
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>	VU	Night Shark
Hemigaleidae	<i>Chaenogaleus macrostoma</i>	VU	Hooktooth Shark
Triakidae	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	VU	Tope, Liver-oil Shark, Miller's Dog, Oil Shark, Penny Dog, Rig, School Shark, Snapper Shark, Soupfin, Soupie, Southern Tope, Sweet William, Tiburon, Toper, Tope Shark, Vitamin Shark, Whithound
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Galeus mincaronei</i>	VU	Southern Sawtail Catshark
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Halaelurus boesemani</i>	VU	Speckled Catshark
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Haploblepharus fuscus</i>	VU	Brown Shyshark
Hemigaleidae	<i>Hemigaleus microstoma</i>	VU	Sickelfin Weasel Shark
Hemigaleidae	<i>Hemipristis elongata</i>	VU	Snaggletooth Shark, Fossil Shark
Triakidae	<i>Mustelus mustelus</i>	VU	Common Smoothhound
Triakidae	<i>Mustelus whitneyi</i>	VU	Humpback Smoothhound
Carcharhinidae	<i>Negaprion acutidens</i>	VU	Sharptooth Lemon Shark
Scyliorhinidae	<i>Schroederichthys saurisqualus</i>	VU	Lizard Catshark
Triakidae	<i>Scylliogaleus queketti</i>	VU	Flapnose Houndshark

Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna tudes</i>	VU	Curry Shark, Golden Hammerhead, Smalleye Hammerhead Shark
Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	VU	Smooth Hammerhead
Triakidae	<i>Triakis maculata</i>	VU	Spotted Houndshark
Order: Lamniformes			
Family	Scientific Name	IUCN Red List Category	Common Names
Odontaspidae	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	CR	Sand Tiger Shark, Grey Nurse Shark, Grey Nurse Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Spotted Ragged-tooth Shark, Spotted Raggedtooth Shark
Lamnidae	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	CR	Great White Shark
Lamnidae	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	CR	Shortfin Mako
Lamnidae	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	CR	Porbeagle
Odontaspidae	<i>Odontaspis ferox</i>	CR	Smalltooth Sand Tiger, Herbst's Nurse Shark, Ragged-tooth Shark, Sand Shark, Smalltooth Sand Tiger Shark
Alopiidae	<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	EN	Bigeye Thresher Shark, False Thresher, Long-tailed Shark, Whiptail
Alopiidae	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	EN	Common Thresher Shark, Atlantic thresher, Fox Shark, Grayfish, Green Thresher, Sea Fox, Slasher, Swingletail, Swiveltail, Thintail thresher, Thrasher, Whip-tailed shark, Zorro thresher shark
Cetorhinidae	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	EN	Basking Shark
Order: Squaliformes			
Family	Scientific Name	IUCN Red List Category	Common Names
Centrophoridae	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>	EN	Harrisson's Dogfish, Dumb Gulper Shark, Dumb Shark, Harrisson's Deepsea Dogfish, Harrisson's Gulper Shark, Longnose Gulper Shark
Centrophoridae	<i>Centrophorus lusitanicus</i>	VU	Lowfin Gulper Shark
Centrophoridae	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	VU	Leafscale Gulper Shark, Deepwater Spiny Dogfish, Nilson's Deepsea Dogfish
Oxynotidae	<i>Oxynotus centrina</i>	VU	Angular Rough Shark
Squalidae	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	VU	Spiny Dogfish, Cape Shark, Piked Dogfish, Spurdog
Squalidae	<i>Squalus montalbani</i>	VU	Philippine Spurdog
Order: Squatiniformes			
Family	Scientific Name	IUCN Red List Category	Common Names
Squatinae	<i>Squatina aculeata</i>	CR	Sawback Angelshark, Monkfish, Spiny Angelshark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina oculata</i>	CR	Smoothback Angelshark, Monkfish
Squatinae	<i>Squatina squatina</i>	CR	Angelshark, Angel Shark, Monkfish
Squatinae	<i>Squatina argentina</i>	EN	Argentine Angel Shark, Longfin Angel Shark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina formosa</i>	EN	Taiwan Angelshark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina guggenheim</i>	EN	Hidden Angelshark, Spiny Angel Shark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina occulta</i>	EN	Smoothback Angel Shark, Hidden Angelshark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina punctata</i>	EN	Angular Angelshark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina albipunctata</i>	VU	Eastern Angel Shark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina japonica</i>	VU	Japanese Angelshark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina nebulosa</i>	VU	Clouded Angelshark
Squatinae	<i>Squatina tergocellatoides</i>	VU	Ocellated Angelshark



Thank you for your kind attention on this matter.

Kind regards,
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