

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 19 July 2018

Agenda item IV — Protection of endangered shark species

The Administration was requested to provide information on:

- (a) whether it would consider putting more shark species under the regulation of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) with reference to internationally-recognized inventories of species conservation status (such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species), other than the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and if not, the reasons for that;
- (b) how the Administration would ensure that the penalties handed down by the court for Cap. 586 offences would be heavy enough to achieve the desired deterrent effect against wildlife crimes; and
- (c) the number of DNA tests carried out in each of the past three years for the enforcement of the import and export/re-export control of scheduled shark specimens.