



# Doc 23.2.1 Draft Resolution on the Conservation of Sharks and Rays



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Regional Preparatory  
and Negotiations  
Workshop for Africa

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# Aim:

- To bring to the attention of all Parties activities for the conservation of shark and ray species which would benefit from a global approach and immediate action
- Complement Sharks MOU



# Current Situation:

- $\frac{1}{4}$  of the 1,041 examined species of sharks, rays, and chimera are threatened due to overfishing (Dulvy et al. 2014)
  - Especially Rays, 5 out of 7 most threatened families
- Harvested primarily for meat and fins
  - Large threat through the global fin market
  - 26-73 million with an overall median (average) of 38 million sharks killed every year to supply the Hong Kong fin market (Clarke et al. 2006)
- Between 63 and 273 million sharks are killed per year, globally (Worm et al. 2013)



Species	CMS	Sharks MOU	CITES	Proposed Addition COP 11
Whale Shark	App II 1999	2010	App II 2003	
Great White Shark	App I, App II 2002	2010	App II 2005	
Basking Shark	App I, App II 2002	2010	App II 2003	
Porbeagle	App II 2008	2010		
Spiny Dogfish	App II 2008	2010		
Shortfin Mako Shark	App II 2008	2010		
Longfin Mako Shark	App II 2008	2010		
Giant Manta Ray	App I, App II 2011	MOS2	App II 2013	
Great hammerhead Shark			App II 2013	App II
Scalloped Hammerhead Shark			App II 2013	App II
Smooth Hammerhead Shark			App II 2013	
Oceanic Whitetip Shark			App II 2013	
Sawfishes (5 species)			App I 2007	App I, II
Reef Manta Ray				App I, II
Mobula Rays (9 species)				App I, II
Silky Shark				App II
Thresher Shark (2 species)				App II

# Recommendations:

- Imposing regulations that sharks be landed with their fins naturally attached
- Continued research, monitoring and information exchange
- Increasing the membership of the CMS Sharks MOU
- Enhancing cooperation with other organizations relevant for shark conservation

# Draft Resolution:



- Applying „fins attached“
- Developing national regulations
  - Establish National Plans of Action for Sharks
  - Ensure ecologically sustainable harvesting
- Improving Knowledge
  - Identify needs of training and capacity development for research, data collection and monitoring
  - Improve biological and ecological knowledge
- Improving cooperation with Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) and other organizations relevant for shark conservation

# Action requested:

- Review the Draft Resolution on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks and Rays
- Formulate national position prior to COP 11

