

On behalf of HSI, Project AWARE, Shark Advocates International, the German Elasmobranch Society, IFAW and WCS, we commend you on the adoption of the Conservation Plan and note that its success depends on its implementation. Relevant actions can and should be taken immediately. We would like to respectfully suggest the following four key opportunities that we have identified based on our collective experience where signatories can support relevant actions related to the Conservation Plan and the species that it covers:

Encourage the European Parliament to endorse the Commission's proposal for landing all sharks with fins naturally attached.

Support an ICCAT proposal to set science based limits for shortfin mako sharks

Support a WCPFC proposal to prohibit setting purse seine nets on whale sharks

And support the EU proposal to list the porbeagle shark on Appendix II of CITES.

Thank you.