

Notification 2025/15

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### **FURTHER REQUEST TO PARTIES FOR INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPENDIX I-LISTING FOR THE OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK (*CARCHARHINUS LONGIMANUS*)**

This Notification is a follow-up to Notification 2024/007 sent at the request of the 56th Meeting of the Standing Committee (StC56), which met in Bonn, 25-27 March, 2025. After reviewing information received from Parties (see [UNEP/CMS/StC56/Doc.16](#)) and noting the very low response rate to Notification 2024/007, StC56 requested the Secretariat to gather more information and encourage additional responses from Parties that had not replied to the original Notification.

The Notification relates to CMS Decisions 14.114 – 14.116 *Implementation of the CMS Appendix I-Listing for the Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)* requesting Parties to provide information on their domestic and regional management measures for the oceanic whitetip shark, clarifying how they meet the objectives and obligations of the CMS Appendix I listing.

Parties that have not yet submitted their responses in 2024 are asked to complete the attached questionnaire. This information will be presented at the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15).

Contributions are requested by **19 May 2025** and should be emailed to the CMS Secretariat: [cms-secretariat@un.org](mailto:cms-secretariat@un.org).

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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CMS PARTIES ON  
DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES UNDERTAKEN  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPENDIX I-LISTING  
OF THE OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK (CARCHARHINUS LONGIMANUS)**

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Please submit the filled questionnaire no later than **19 May 2025** to: [cms-secretariat@un.org](mailto:cms-secretariat@un.org)

1. Party:
2. Focal Point (name):
3. Is your country a Range State of the Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)? Please note that Range States pursuant to CMS Art. I 1 h) also include “State[s], flag vessels of which are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits in taking that migratory species”;<sup>1</sup>
4. Please provide information on existing domestic legislation (including EU legislation) that prohibits the taking of *C. longimanus*? Please be reminded that taking is defined in CMS Art. I 1 i) as “taking, hunting, fishing capturing, harassing, deliberate killing, or attempting to engage in any such conduct”.
5. Please provide information on other domestic and regional measures undertaken to address the taking of *C. longimanus*. This may also include technical and management measures to mitigate unintentional catch.
6. Please inform whether *C. longimanus* has been caught in your areas of jurisdiction or outside such areas by your flag vessels within the last 5 years. This may also include unintentional catch.
7. If the answer to (6) is “yes”, then please provide information on the level of catch for the last 5 years, if known. If such information was previously reported elsewhere, please provide references to these reports.
8. Please inform whether *C. longimanus* has been utilized by your country within the last 5 years. This may also involve domestic trade and consumption.
9. Please inform if any exceptions to the prohibition of taking pursuant to CMS Art. III (5) were made by your country within the last 5 years.

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<sup>1</sup> CMS Art. I 1 h) "Range State" in relation to a particular migratory species means any State (and where appropriate any other Party referred to under subparagraph (k) of this paragraph) that exercises jurisdiction over any part of the range of that migratory species, or a State, flag vessels of which are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits in taking that migratory species; CMS Art. I 1 k) "Party" means a State or any regional economic integration organization constituted by sovereign States which has competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international Agreements in matters covered by this Convention for which this Convention is in force.

