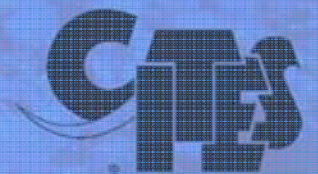
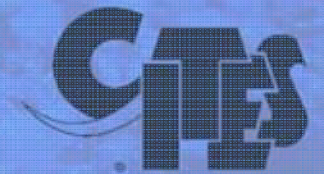
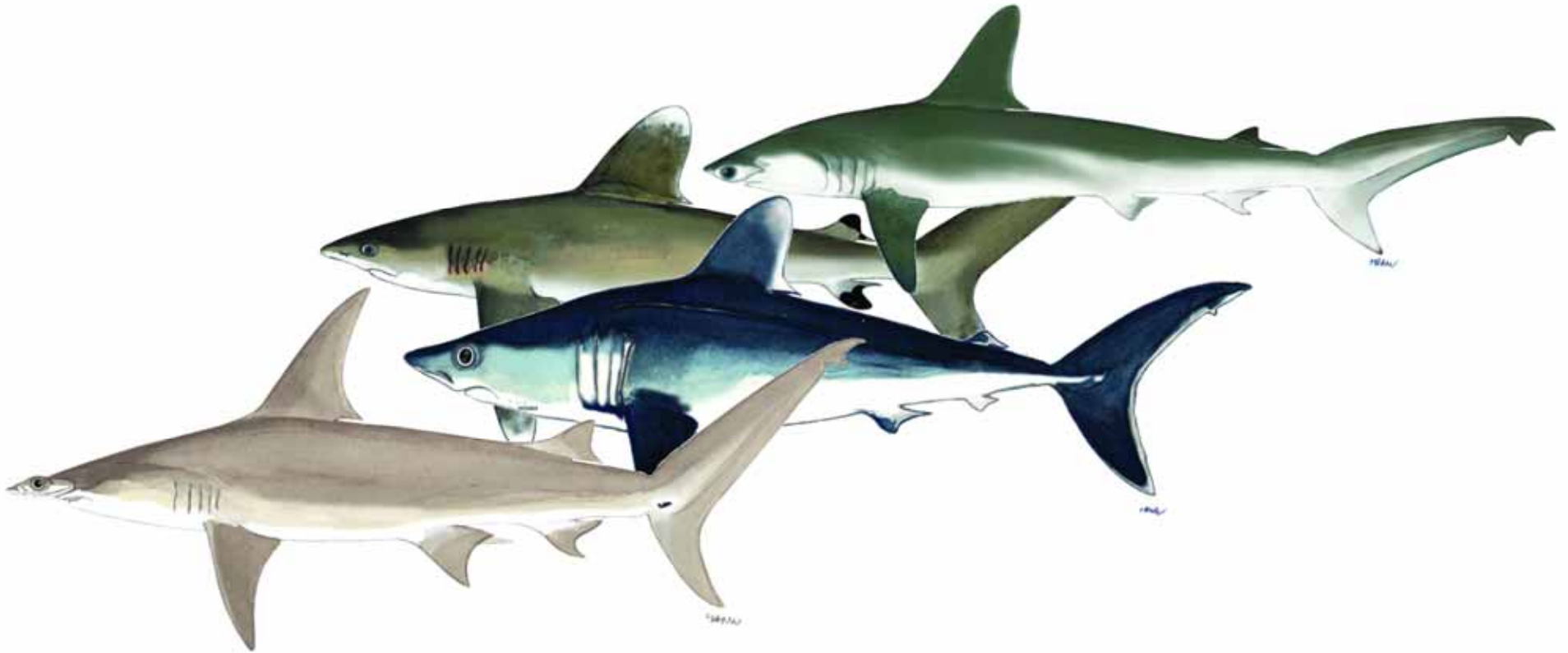


CITES and Sharks and Manta Rays

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Geneva**



CITES Appendices and Sharks



CITES Appendices

Species* regulated under CITES are divided amongst 3 Appendices

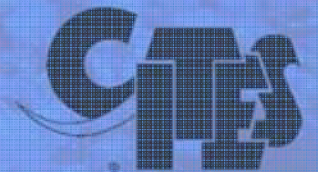
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* "Species" means any species, subspecies, or geographically separate population thereof



CITES Appendix I

- Species threatened with extinction, which are or may be affected by trade
- International (commercial) trade in wild specimens is generally prohibited
- **3%** of all listings (Conference of the Parties to decide)

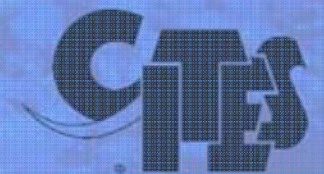


Sawfishes: *Pristidae* spp.



CITES Appendix II

- Species not necessarily currently threatened with extinction, but may become so unless trade is strictly regulated to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival
- Also, species that resemble species already included in Appendix II
- International (commercial) trade is permitted but regulated
- **96%** of all listings (Conference of the Parties to decide)



Sharks/Manta rays in Appendix II

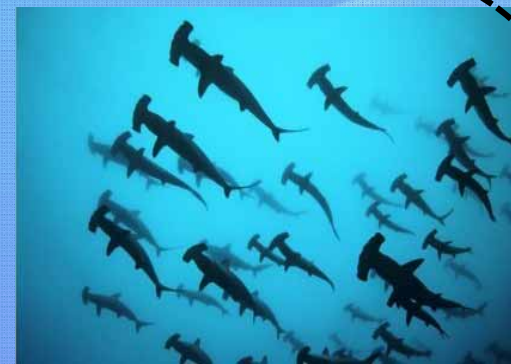
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Cetorhinus maximus
(Basking shark)



Carcharhinus longimanus
(Oceanic whitetip shark)



Sphyrna lewini, *S. mokarran*,
S. zygaena
(Hammerhead sharks)



Rhincodon typus
(Whale shark)



Lamna nasus
(Porbeagle shark)



Manta spp.
(Manta rays)



Carcharodon carcharias
(Great white shark)

Entry into effect delayed to
14 September 2014



CITES Appendix III

- Species for which a country is asking Parties to help with its protection
- International trade is permitted but regulated (less restrictive than Appendix II)
- 1% of CITES Trade (no CoP decision needed)



*Lamna nasus**

(Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)



*Sphyrna lewini**

(Costa Rica)



***Until 14 September 2014**



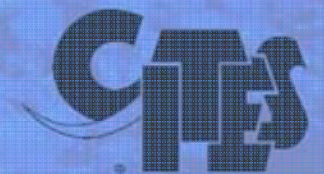
Other marine species in CITES Appendices

- Humphead wrasse
(Napoleon fish) - Appendix II
- Queen conch – Appendix II
- Giant clams – Appendix II
- Hard corals, black corals
– Appendix II
- European eel – Appendix II
- Sturgeons – Appendix I & II



CoP16 (Bangkok, March 2013)

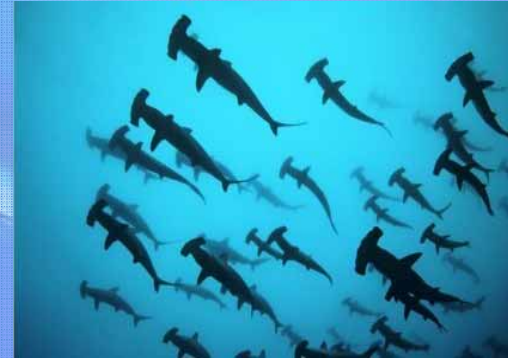
- Five shark species and all manta rays were included in Appendix II
- Delayed entry into effect on **14 September 2014**
 - in order to resolve technical and administrative issues related to their implementation
- EU contributing 1.2 million EUR to CITES for assisting developing countries in their implementation of the new listings of sharks and manta rays



Which sharks and rays were listed in Appendix II at CoP16?



Carcharhinus longimanus
(Oceanic whitetip shark)



Sphyrna lewini, *S. mokarran*,
S. zygaena
(Hammerhead sharks)



Lamna nasus
(Porbeagle shark)



Manta spp.
(Manta rays)



CITES listing criteria for the new sharks and manta rays

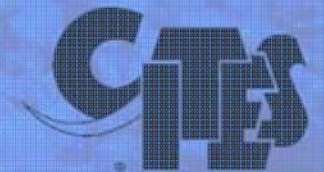
Biological criteria

Low productivity (slow-growing, small number of pups), behavioral vulnerability to harvesting

Trade criteria

(historic population declines related to international trade in fins, meat and bycatch)

- Great and Smooth hammerheads: specimens most frequently traded resemble those of the scalloped hammerhead to such an extent that enforcement officers are unlikely to be able to distinguish them



What should Parties do by 14 Sept. 2014?

Countries wishing to (re-)export or import specimens of the recently CITES-listed sharks and rays **after 14th September 2014** have to meet certain requirements.



What should Parties do by 14 Sept. 2014?

Legality

National laws,
legal acquisition,
RFMOs,
enforcement, ...

Sustainability

NDFs, science,
Introduction From
the Sea, ...

Traceability

Permits,
identification,
reporting,
databases





CITES permits and certificates

import

export

re-export

introduction from the sea

- Animals and plants (live, dead, parts and derivatives)
- Permits and certificates issued under certain conditions:
 - Lawfully obtained
 - Trade will not be detrimental to the survival of the species



CITES permits and certificates

Provides:

- 
- *Scientific information (non-detrimental findings)*
 - *Legal origin & sourcing*
 - *Trade data*
 - *Purpose of the trade*
 - *Duration of validity*

[illegible]