

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-20 March 2012 and Dublin (Ireland), 22-24 March 2012

Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP15)
on Conservation and management of sharks (Class Chondrichthyes)

REPORTS FROM PARTIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP15) on *Conservation and management of sharks (Class Chondrichthyes)*, the Conference of the Parties encourages Parties to obtain information on implementation of national or regional plans of actions for sharks, and to report directly on progress to the CITES Secretariat and at meetings of the Animals Committee. It also directs the Animals Committee to examine information provided by range States on trade and other available relevant data and information, and report their analyses at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16).
3. Additionally, at its 25th meeting (AC25, Geneva, July 2011), the Animals Committee requested the Secretariat to invite Parties to:
 - ii) Submit a list of shark species (Class Chondrichthyes) that they believe require additional action to enhance their conservation and management, including if possible any concrete measures which they believe to be needed. The list should include a summary of additional supporting information;
 - iii) advise whether they have domestic measures (e.g. laws or regulations) regulating the fishing, retention or landing of shark or ray species in their waters, and whether those measures apply to certain species only or to all species; and
 - iv) advise whether they have domestic measures (e.g. laws or regulations) regulating the import or export of shark parts and products (fins, meat, skin, organs, etc.) and, if so, what those measures are.
4. The Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2011/049 on 10 November, inviting Parties to provide the information mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. It requested that the Parties report by 6 January 2012. The reports that the Secretariat received at the time of writing this document (mid-January 2012), are presented in the Annex to this document in the language in which they were submitted. These were from Australia, Canada, India, Israel, Japan, Maldives, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, the United States of America and the European Union (on behalf of its 27 Member States).

Action required from the Animals Committee

5. The Committee is invited to take note of this document and examine the information provided by the Parties with a view to reporting their analyses at CoP16.