
**DRAFT NON STATUS RESOLUTION
ON THE CONSERVATION OF SHARKS CAUGHT IN ASSOCIATION WITH FISHERIES
IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

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The Commission For The Conservation And Management Of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks In The Western And Central Pacific Ocean

Resolves as follows:

1. Commission Members, Cooperating non-Members, and participating Territories (called CCMs) shall implement the FAO International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks.
2. CCMs shall advise the Commission on their implementation of the IPOA-Sharks, including, as appropriate, the status of their National Plans of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks.
3. National Plans of Action for sharks should include measures to minimise waste and discards from shark catches and encourage the live release of incidental catches of sharks.
4. CCMs shall, where possible, undertake research to identify ways to make fishing gears more selective.
5. CCMs are encouraged, where possible, to conduct research to identify shark nursery areas.
6. The Scientific Committee should take the steps necessary to develop recording and monitoring programs for shark catches in the Convention area and provide advice on the status and vulnerability of major stocks; the Technical and Compliance Committee shall monitor the progress of members in compliance with this resolution and report to the Commission, and develop compliance strategies for the further consideration of the Commission.
7. The Commission shall consider appropriate assistance to developing CCMs for the implementation of the IPOA and collection of data on shark catches.

8. Paragraphs 2-7 of this resolution shall apply to sharks caught in association with fisheries managed under the WCPFC, and to sharks listed in Annex 1 of the ICES 1982 Convention occurring in the Convention area.