

TRAFFIC Recommendations on the Proposals to Amend the CITES Appendices at the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Proposal #/ Proponent	Species covered by the proposal	Proposal	RECOMMENDATION
<p># 42</p> <p>Brazil, Colombia and USA</p>	<p><i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> Oceanic Whitetip Shark</p>	<p>Inclusion in Appendix II with the following annotation: The entry into effect of the inclusion of <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> in CITES Appendix II will be delayed by 18 months to enable Parties to resolve the related technical and administrative issues.</p>	<p>The Oceanic Whitetip Shark <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> is widely distributed but heavily exploited throughout its range because of the strong international demand for its fins. The species is inherently vulnerable to over-exploitation and there is evidence demonstrating declines in most monitored populations.</p> <p>Fins from the species are reported to be highly distinctive and easily identifiable by non-specialists. While some countries and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations have established regulations on the catch or finning of sharks, it is not clear how effective the implementation of these measures is or their measurable conservation benefit.</p> <p>The species appears to meet the criteria for listing in Appendix II based on its decline in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (where regulation of trade is required to ensure the species does not become eligible for inclusion in Appendix I (<i>Resolution Conf. (Rev. CoP15) Annex 2a Criterion A</i>)) and its decline in the Indian Ocean (where regulation of trade is required to ensure its harvest from the wild is not reducing the population to a level where survival might be threatened (Criterion B)).</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p>