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Regional Workshop on Sharks Listed in Appendix II of CITES - Preparing for Implementation

Monday 02 December 2013

- Participants arrive in Recife, Brazil and check into accommodations

7:00pm – 8:00pm

- **Opening Ceremony** – Brazilian Government, USA, SSN, HSI, Defenders, CITES

8:00pm – 10:00pm

- **Cocktail reception**

Tuesday 03 December 2013

Topics:

- **Establishing the Context: CITES Appendix II requirements for sharks**
- **Identification Techniques and Tools for CITES-Listed Sharks**

8:00am – 8:30am

- **Welcome and introductory remarks** – **Fabio Hazin, Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco (UFRPE), Brazil**

8:30am – 10:30am

- **Overview of CITES Appendix II Requirements for Sharks** – Panel Format moderated by **Fabio Hazin**
 - *Provide an overview of the requirements for international trade in specimens of Appendix-II sharks. This presentation will help workshop participants understand why identification tools and establishing a chain of custody for shark products in international trade are useful and important.*
 - **8:35 – 9:05 Overview of CITES and Appendix II Requirements and Marine Species in CITES** – **Juan Carlos Vasquez, CITES Secretariat**
 - **9:05 – 9:25 What is Introduction from the Sea** - **Fabio Hazin, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Government of Brazil**
 - **9:25 – 9:45 CITES Appendix II in Action: More detailed discussion of CITES Appendix II implementation and**



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regulations - including collaboration of different agencies and offices (ex. fisheries, customs, enforcement) – **Carlos Polo, Jefe Oficina de Generación del Conocimiento y la Información AUNAP, Government of Colombia**

- 9:45 – 10:30 Comments from plenary/Q&A

10:30am – 11:00am

- Break

11:00am – 11:30am

- **Overview of Shark Identification Guides and Tools – Jimmy Martinez, WWF (formerly Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Government of Ecuador)**
 - Provide a general overview of the type of guides and tools that are available to ensure that participants are aware that resources are available and point out that a variety of tools are needed for a variety of audiences including fishermen, port authorities and custom authorities. Presentation will be 15-20 minutes long.
 - Comments from plenary/Q&A

11:30am – 12:30pm

- **Overview of Software for Shark Identification – Monica Barone, FAO**
 - Introduce FAO's software for identification of shark fins in trade based on measurements, including the fins of CITES-listed shark species and fins of shark species that are similar in appearance. Presentation will be 30 minutes long.
 - Comments from plenary/Q&A

12:30pm – 2:00pm

- Lunch

Afernoon sessions moderated by Ramon Bonfil, URFPE

2:00pm – 2:30pm

- **Shark Fin Guide Presentation – Demian Chapman, Stony Brook University**
 - To share the shark fin identification guides and demonstrate how they can be used to identify the fins of the CITES-listed shark species. Presentation will be 15-20 minutes long.
 - Comments from plenary/Q&A



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2:30pm – 3:30pm

- **Genetic Approaches for Shark Identification – John Hyde, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Government of the United States**
 - *To discuss genetic identification tools to assist in the identification of shark products in trade. Presentation will be 30 minutes long.*
 - *Comments from plenary/Q&A*

3:30pm – 4:30pm

- **Training on the Use of Shark Identification Guides for Mexico, Caribbean, Central, and South America – Juan Carlos Cantu, Defenders of Wildlife**
 - *Share shark identification guides and demonstrate how they can be used to identify the CITES-listed shark species. Presentation will be 30 minutes long.*
 - *Comments from plenary/Q&A*

4:30pm – 4:45pm

- **Summary**

4:45pm – 5:00pm

- **Break:** re-arrange room, webinar concludes here for the day

5:00pm – 7:00pm

- **Breakout groups with 4 stations and each group will take a turn at each station:**
 - Divide into groups to discuss and test the identification skills learned today using real samples, drawings, posters, etc.:
 - shark identification guides, 2) FAO software, 3) DNA testing and 4) Shark fin identification guide.
 - Comments and Q&A afterwards

7:00pm

- Close the day & time to relax

8:00pm

- Dinner



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Wednesday 04 December 2013

Topics:

- **Making a Legal Acquisition Finding under CITES**
- **Establishing a Chain of Custody for Shark Products in Trade**
- **Breakout group discussions and brain storming**
- **Moving Forward: Identification of Next Steps and Regional Priorities**

8:00am – 8:30am

- **Fabio Hazin** summarizes what was covered yesterday and introduces the topics for today, including introducing the panel.

8:30am – 10:30am

- **Making a Legal Acquisition Finding under CITES** – Panel Format moderated by **Maria Elena Sanchez, SSN/Teyeliz**
 - *Introduce and showcase how legal acquisition relates to the spectrum of possible management regimes for CITES-listed species. Real-life examples will help CITES Parties get a better sense of how a legal acquisition can be made and help others understand how to approach implementation of the CITES shark listings that were adopted at CoP16.*
 - **8:35 – 8:45 How to Make a Legal Acquisition Finding and Relevant Existing CITES Resolutions that Might be Applicable** – **Juan Carlos Vasquez, CITES Secretariat**
 - **8:45-9:05 RFMO Shark Measures and how these can be used in Legal Acquisition Findings**– **Ramon Bonfil**
 - **9:05 – 9:20 Examples from Parties on Legal Acquisition Findings for Specific Species and/or Situations (queen conch)** - **Juan Pablo Caldas, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Government of Colombia**
 - **9:20-9:35 Discussion of examples from other countries**
 - **9:35 – 10:30 Summary, comments from plenary/Q&A**

10:30am – 11:00am

- Break

11:00am – 12:30pm (one hour presentation, 30 minutes Q&A)

- **Establishing a Chain of Custody for Shark Products in Trade** – **Jimmy Martinez, WWF (formerly Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Government of Ecuador)**



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- *Demonstrate how a chain of custody for sharks could serve as a model for other CITES Parties for monitoring shark products in trade. Presentation will be 1 hour long.*
- *Comments from Plenary/Q&A*

12:30pm – 2:00pm

- Lunch, Webinar breaks here and resumes at 4:30

2:00pm – 4:00pm

- **Break out groups for discussions on strategies for applying the knowledge gained from the workshop in each of the participant countries with a leader/facilitator and discussion questions for each group**
 - *Reflect on the workshop, share experiences, identify and prioritize gaps, and discuss how to use the knowledge acquired at the workshop to effectively implement the CITES Appendix II requirements for sharks.*

4:00pm – 4:30pm

- Break

4:30pm – 5:30pm

- **Moving Forward: Regional Priorities and Next Steps**
 - *Summarize findings of break out groups and discuss priority needs for the region, next steps and how to collectively work to address priority needs including at future workshops.*
 - *Comments from the Plenary*

5:30pm – 5:45pm

- **Summary**

5:45pm – 6:00pm

- **Closing Remarks – Brazilian Government**

7:00pm

- Dinner / Free night

Thursday 05 December 2013

- Participants leave Recife.

