

# Shark Finning

**What is finning and when the fin trade is illegal ?**



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**Rhinoceros and elephant poaching**

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**Shark finning is a wasteful use of precious species which have a very low productivity and high vulnerability**



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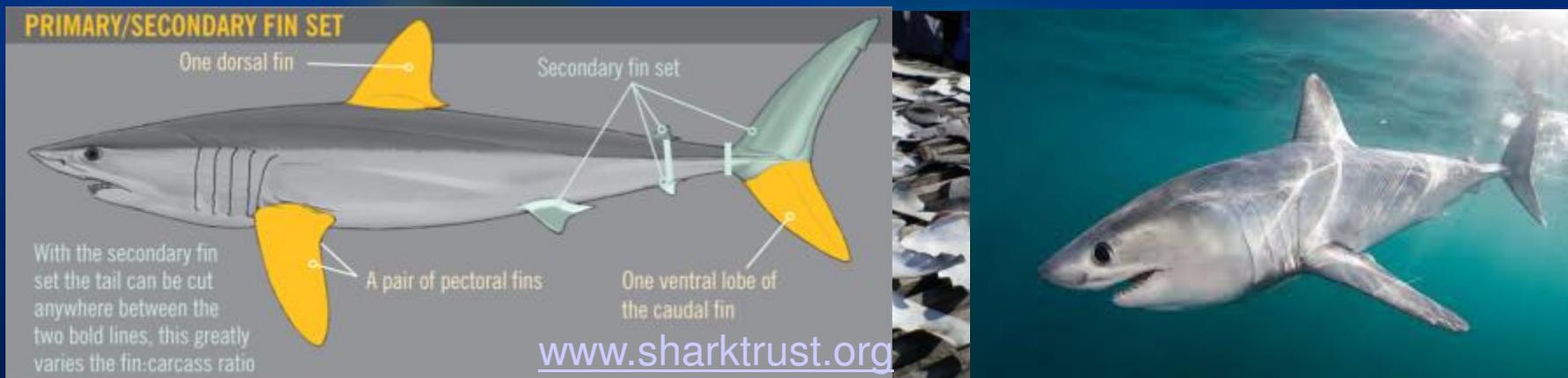


**Shark finning has been therefore condemned and prohibited by several RFMOs and Countries worldwide**

## Regulations

**About 70 States and 10 RFMOs have banned shark finning!**  
(e.g.: ICCAT, GFCM, IOTC, IATTC, NAFO, SEAFO, WCPFC, CCAMLR, NEAFC)

**Most fin x body ratio (5%): open to interpretation and difficult to enforce**  
↳ raw x dried fins; species; fin sets; etc...

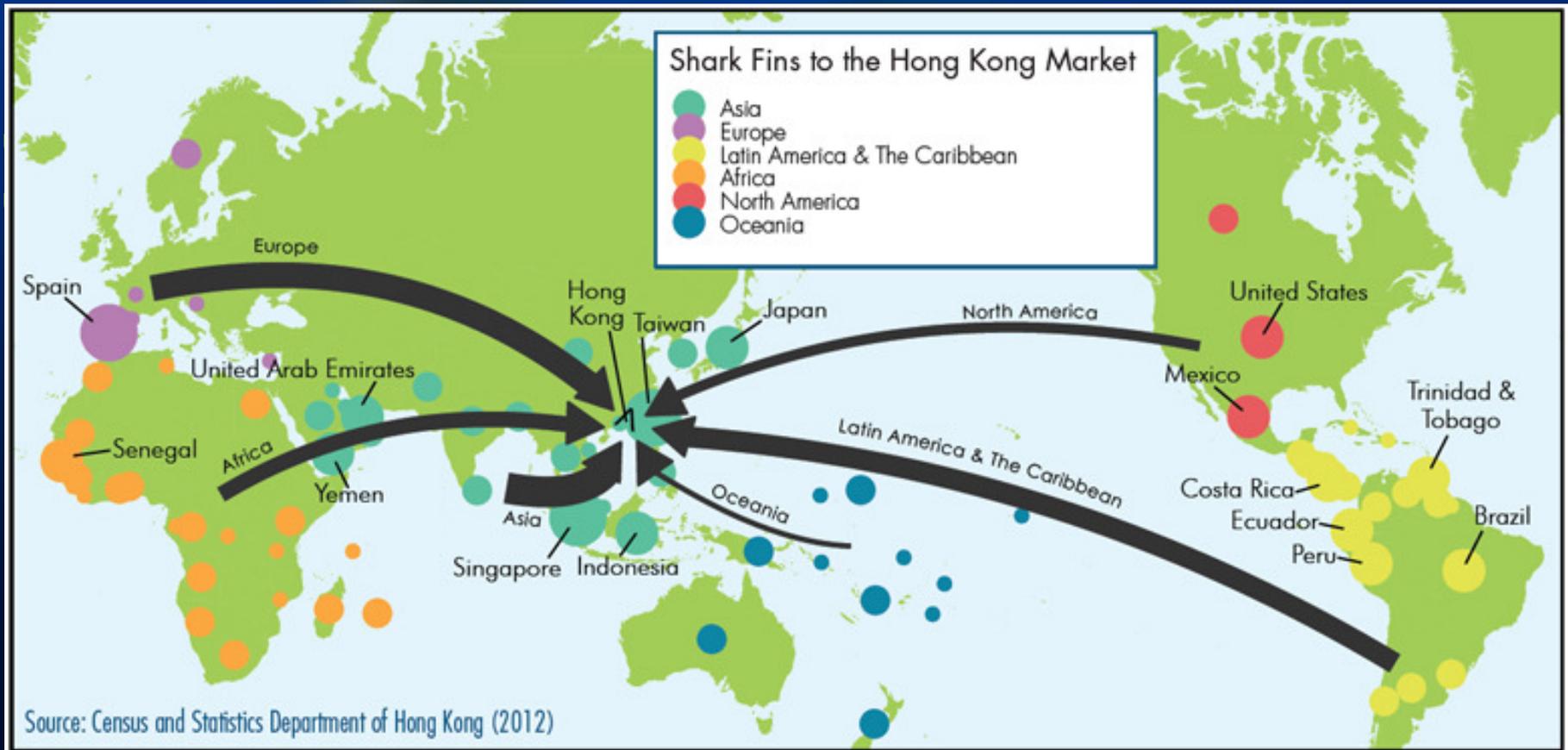


**More recently, several countries are adopting fins attached:**  
e.g.: Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, EU, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, USA

**Others have adopted a ban on shark fishing:**  
e.g.: Palau, French Polynesia, the Maldives, Honduras, Bahamas, the Marshall Islands

**Or a ban on the export of shark fins: Ecuador**

**The inclusion of the porbeagle, the oceanic whitetip and the hammerheads in CITES Appendix II at CoP 16 will**



**Mainly to Hong Kong and associated markets!**



## Brazil as a Country example

### Brazilian legislation on finning:

#### 1) Portaria IBAMA 121, 24/08/1998

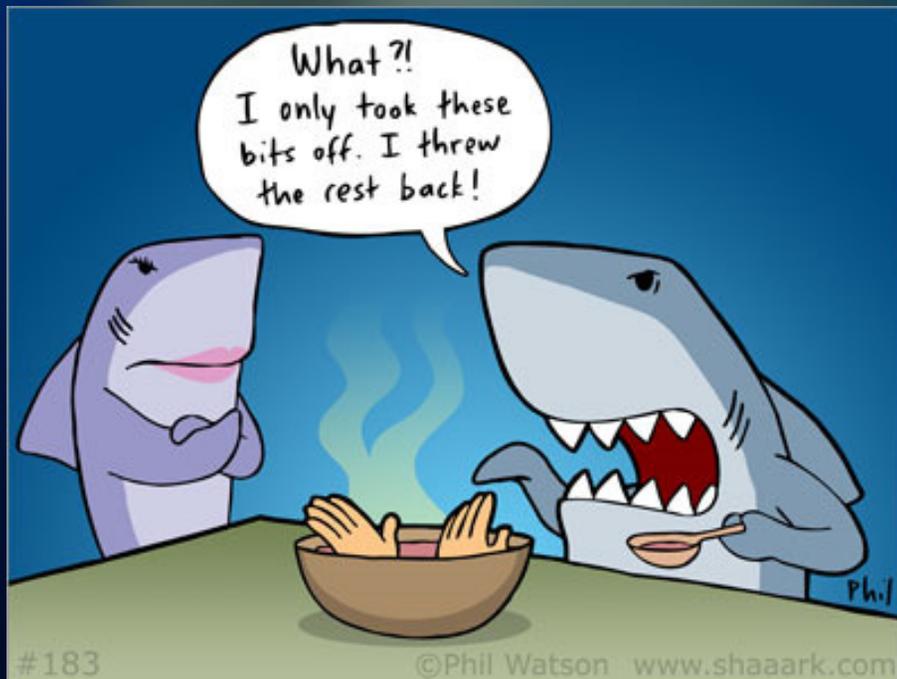
- ↪ Ban on finning, based on a 5% fins x body ratio
- ↪ Upon landings, the weights of fins and carcasses have to be measured and informed to the environmental agency (IBAMA) in a specific form...

The lack of compliance with this measure has led to several apprehensions of fins, which documents of origin were not available...



Although the shark finning and the consequently illegal fin trade is still a very serious problem worldwide, the international community is moving in the right direction...

The approval of the shark proposals in CITES Appendix II during CoP 16 was a quite significant help to ensure the proper monitoring of the fin trade and consequently the sustainability of these species worldwide





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