

## Fishing Vessel Notice

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To: All Ship Owners, Operators, Deputy Registrars, Resident Agents, Representatives, and other Stakeholders

Subject: **CITES CERTIFICATION FOR SHORTFIN MAKO SHARKS**

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Vessel owners and operators that fish for and export Shortfin Mako Sharks (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) are hereby advised that this specie has been included in the CITES<sup>1</sup> Appendix II Species List since 2020. As a result, the export of this specie shall require the prior grant and presentation of an export permit. However, this permit can only be granted if the following conditions have been met:

- (a) a Scientific Authority of the State of export has advised that such export will not be detrimental to the survival of that species.
- (b) a Management Authority of the State of export is satisfied that the specimen was not obtained in contravention of the laws of that State for the protection of fauna and flora; and
- (c) a Management Authority of the State of export is satisfied that any living specimen will be so prepared and shipped as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment.

Since Belize has not carried out any non-detriment findings for this species in accordance with (a) above, we are unable to grant any export permit for this specie.

Owners and operator are hereby advised that catches of this species in the southern Atlantic may be taken with discretion, but that Belize is not able to accommodate any request for export permits at this time.

The catching of this specie in the Northern Atlantic is prohibited in accordance with fishing vessel Circular BHSFU-033-2020.

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<sup>1</sup> The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

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