

TRAFFIC Recommendations on the Proposals to Amend the CITES Appendices at CoP15

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
17	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 17 [Palau and Sweden]. Inclusion in Appendix II with the following annotation: "The entry into effect of the inclusion of <i>Lamna nasus</i> in Appendix II of CITES will be delayed by 18 months to enable Parties to resolve related technical and administrative issues, such as the possible designation of an additional Management Authority and adoption of Customs codes".</p> <p>This shark species, Porbeagle <i>Lamna nasus</i>, is widely distributed and its life history characteristics make it highly vulnerable to over-exploitation. This species has clearly suffered from stock declines as a direct result of a long history of harvest for international trade and still the species continues to be traded internationally. Directed fisheries for the highly valued meat have resulted in over-exploited stocks and the species continues to be taken in fisheries as incidental catch, with both meat and fins being retained for trade. There are cases of dramatic localized depletions that would meet the criteria for an Appendix-I listing. The Porbeagle is proposed for inclusion in Appendix II under the terms of <i>Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14)</i> Annex 2 a criteria A. and B., because of significant and continuing population declines driven by international trade. Porbeagle stocks that do not qualify under Annex 2 a are proposed for listing under Annex 2 b criterion A. Given the observed declines, and the known role of trade in at least one fishery and its likely role in others, it would appear that the Porbeagle meets the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II in that regulation of trade is required to prevent its becoming eligible for inclusion in Appendix I in the near future. Identification tools to recognize fins at species level will be needed for implementation purposes.</p>	ACCEPT