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Dear Mr Thompson,

RE: Australia's draft 2011 *National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks* (Shark-plan 2)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft of the new *National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks* (Shark-plan 2). As Australia's only national charity dedicated exclusively to the protection of Australia's marine environment, the Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) has been actively working on shark conservation and shark fisheries management for several decades. The AMCS was, for example, instrumental in promoting Australia's adoption of a ban on live shark finning at sea, a significant advancement towards protecting sharks in Australian waters.

With a number of noteworthy international advances in shark conservation, the development of Australia's Shark-plan 2 is timely. Since the introduction of Shark-plan 1, the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Maldives have established shark sanctuaries in their waters, Mexico, Honduras and the Bahamas have brought in shark fishing moratoria and Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and Guam have introduced legislation to ban the trade in shark products due to concerns over the global state of shark populations. Similar legislation is also under discussion in California and Chile.

After showing leadership on shark conservation issues, Australia is now lagging behind global leaders in affording protection to sharks. There is still a significant export of shark fin to the Asian market, an unsustainable by-catch of vulnerable sharks in Australian fisheries and targeted shark fishing without scientific understanding of what, if any, level of shark take is sustainable.

There are significant imperatives for Australia to improve our record on shark conservation and safeguard our shark populations. In addition to the key role sharks play in marine ecosystems, recent reports have indicated that sharks are worth more to a nation's economy in tourism income alive than dead^{1,2}.

AMCS strongly believes, therefore, that the development of the new National Plan of Action for Sharks provides Australia with the opportunity to better protect both resident and migratory sharks in our waters. However, we are deeply concerned that the draft plan fails to seize this opportunity. Concerns have been voiced that Shark-plan 1 lacked an effective implementation strategy to deliver meaningful results for shark conservation. In particular, the Shark Assessment Report (SAR2)³ noted

that where achievements were made, they could not be ascribed to Shark-plan 1 initiatives. AMCS holds concerns that the draft Shark-plan 2 suffers from the same limitations as Shark-plan 1. The Bodsworth Review⁴ of Shark-plan 1 noted that to enable a better outcome for Shark-plan 2:

“... the new Program Logic should be clear, simple and powerful. Accompanied by a carefully targeted implementation strategy, and an efficient monitoring and evaluation framework, these characteristics should alleviate widely held concerns that Australia’s NPOA Sharks lacks teeth.”

Unfortunately, the draft Shark-plan 2 does not contain the framework necessary to provide adequate protection for sharks and, if implemented in its current form, would not relieve pressure on depleted shark populations. The focus of Shark-plan 2 is resource management rather than conservation of sharks. Given the status of global shark populations, AMCS believes that Australia should be introducing a framework to reduce the harvesting of sharks from Australian waters and Australia’s contribution to the international trade in shark products.

Australia is at a critical point in determining how the nation protects sharks, and we urge the Government to take strong leadership in ensuring healthy shark populations in Australian waters by creating a genuine, detailed and well resourced Plan of Action for sharks. AMCS strongly believes Shark-plan 2 can drive a change in the national management of sharks. To that end, we believe the opportunity to provide Shark-plan 2 with the “teeth” Shark-plan 1 lacked must not be missed.

Below we list areas of specific concern with the draft Shark-plan 2, as well as offering recommendations on how these can be addressed:

1. Lack of an Implementation Strategy

Shark-Plan 2 lacks an implementation strategy. This was a crucial omission from Shark-Plan 1, and was noted as such in the Bodsworth Review⁴. Without such a strategy, there is no means by which the progress in delivering Shark-plan 2 can be judged, or a way of assessing if Shark-Plan 2 results in any tangible advances in shark conservation and management.

Recommendation:

Shark-Plan 2 should be accompanied by an Implementation Strategy, detailing which agency is responsible for the actions listed in Table 2 and what the timeframes are for completion of each Action.

2. Shark Implementation Review Committee

The Shark Implementation Review Committee (SIRC) will again oversee supervision, implementation and benchmarking of the overall performance of Shark-plan 2. Currently, SIRC membership is government based and lacks full stakeholder participation. In particular, there is a lack of Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) representation on the Committee. Given the expertise of NGOs on both international and national shark conservation, the NGO sector would contribute significantly to SIRC and this exclusion needs to be addressed.

Recommendation: To ensure transparency and accountability, as well as secure stakeholder confidence in Shark-plan 2, AMCS strongly recommends that representatives from the NGO sector are included on the SIRC.

3. Resourcing the plan

The Bodsworth Review⁴ highlighted the necessity of funding to ensure implementation of Shark-plan 2 Actions. This requirement is referenced within Shark-plan 2: “Resourcing for the implementation of actions, monitoring and evaluation will also be key to the effectiveness for Shark-plan 2” (P.10). However, this key issue is not addressed in Shark-plan 2: “...the plan does not have a dedicated budget for implementation” (P.26). Resourcing is critical to the success of the plan but, without funding, AMCS is concerned that the implementation of any of Shark-plan 2’s actions will be severely limited.

Recommendation: To ensure Shark-plan 2 can deliver on its objectives, AMCS recommends the addition of a funding plan detailing the resources needed to implement the plan and how these resources will be provided. At the very least, the plan must attribute budget figures to individual actions and indicate where funding for each of these Actions will come from.

4. Precautionary approach

Shark-plan 2 must advance a more precautionary approach to the management of sharks given the importance of shark populations to marine ecosystem structure and function and the limited scientific information about the status of or effects of fishing on shark populations. Although the precautionary principle is defined in Shark-plan 2, the document does not contain adequate demonstration of the application of the principle to shark fisheries management and fails, therefore, to address the concerns that the term is “liberally interpreted” (Bodsworth Review⁴, P.27).

Recommendation: AMCS recommends Shark-plan 2 specifies how the precautionary principle will be applied to fisheries management to promote the conservation of sharks. We recommend including an Action within Table 2, Issue 5, committing to enforcement of extremely conservative Total Allowable Catches where no stock assessment of the target or by-catch shark species exists, coupled with a firm commitment to conducting the relevant stock assessments as a high priority. Shark-plan 2 should also specify the use of CSIRO/AFMA Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) approach as the minimum standard when assessing risks to sharks in Australian waters. The FRDC sponsored National ESD Risk Assessment approach for fisheries is not sufficiently precautionary and, in the absence of sufficient data on shark populations, is therefore not appropriate for shark fishery risk assessment.

5. Consistency in shark finning legislation

Table 2, Issue 3: Action 6 should explicitly state that anti-finning measures implemented are consistent with those adopted by the Commonwealth Government, which requires all sharks to be landed with their fins naturally attached. The adoption of standard legislation across all States, Territory and Commonwealth jurisdictions is imperative. AMCS understands that DAFF are already moving forward with the assessment of more comprehensive trade data collection and analysis (Table 2, Issue 3: Action 7). Therefore, Action 7 has already been addressed.

Recommendation: AMCS recommends that Shark-plan 2 establish a fins-attached policy requiring that all State, Territory and Commonwealth fisheries adopt a policy requiring all sharks to be landed with fins naturally attached. AMCS also recommends a new Action be added to Issue 3 to monitor the effectiveness of and compliance with the fins attached policy. Given Action 7 has already been addressed, Shark-plan 2 should move forward from assessing the potential for comprehensive trade data collection and analysis, towards implementation of the results of the assessment process.

6. Shark control programs

Table 2, Issue 3: Action 12 aims to assess the impact of shark control programs for bather protection. AMCS holds concerns about the number of threatened, endangered and protected (TEP) marine species, including sharks, caught in shark control nets on the NSW and QLD coastline. AMCS believes that the shark nets contribute to the decline of some of Australia’s most vulnerable sharks, such as grey nurse sharks (listed as Critically Endangered under the *NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994*) and great white sharks, which are protected under Federal law (listed as Vulnerable and Migratory on the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*). Shark nets are also listed as a Key Threatening Process in the *NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

Recommendation: Shark-plan 2 should facilitate the removal of shark nets in QLD and NSW, in order to protect vulnerable shark species and other TEP species. The plan should encourage the investigation and development of alternative measures for bather protection.

7. Recreational shark fishing

Recreational fishing accounts for a significant quantity of shark catch in Australia, but there is limited co-ordinated information on recreational catch statistics across the States and Territories. It is imperative Shark-plan 2 facilitates improvements in the management of recreational fisheries that target sharks.

Recommendation: AMCS recommends that the priority rating for Issue 8 in Table 2 be increased from Medium to High. The focus should be on the establishment and implementation of better management measures for recreational shark fisheries across all jurisdictions. Indigenous and recreational shark catches should also be built into the calculation and allocation of commercial catch quotas.

8. Improvements in shark catch data

As noted in Shark-plan 2, “SAR2 found that addressing many of the issues identified relied on the fundamental need for improvement in the quality of shark catch and effort data” (P.14). A number of fisheries in Australia are still output controlled by quotas based on non-existent or inadequate stock assessments. Stock assessments underpin effective fisheries management.

Recommendation: AMCS recommends that Table 2, Issue 5 priority rating be raised from Medium to High.

9. Bycatch mitigation

The AFMA Chondrichthyan Technical Working Group developed the *Chondrichthyan guide for fisheries managers: A practical guide to mitigating chondrichthyan bycatch*⁵ in order to provide fisheries managers with guidance on how to mitigate chondrichthyan TEP and high-risk species by-catch. The Actions listed under Table 2, Issue 12 should explicitly refer to the implementation and trials of the findings of the document. AMCS supports the implementation intentions expressed in the actions in Issue 12.

Recommendation: AMCS recommends that the actions listed under Issue 12, Table 2, explicitly refer to the *Chondrichthyan guide for fisheries managers: A practical guide to mitigation chondrichthyan bycatch*⁵.

10. Sustainability of imported shark product

AMCS is concerned about the lack of intention to assess the sustainability of imported shark products. This was a recommendation of SAR2³. There are conservation and sustainability concerns about the source of some shark products imported to Australia. Whilst there are controls in place to regulate shark harvesting in Australian waters, it is questionable whether comparable measures exist in other countries that export shark products to Australia. A revision of import and export trade codes was a specific action of Shark-plan 1, recognised in both SAR2³ and the Bodsworth Review⁴ yet it has not been addressed to date. Comprehensive trade codes are essential to facilitating better monitoring of shark product trade.

Recommendation: AMCS recommends that a new Issue is added to Table 2, spelling out a commitment to reviewing and assessing the sustainability of imported shark products, investigating the restriction of non-sustainably sourced shark products and applying comprehensive trade codes to shark import and export products.

11. Identification of critical habitat for sharks

The International Plan Of Action - Sharks calls for critical habitats to be determined and protected. With the exception of grey nurse sharks, action on this recommendation has been lacking in Australia.

Recommendation: AMCS recommends that a commitment to assessment of critical habitat is included in Table 2 for, as a minimum, species of shark listed as threatened under the EPBC Act or equivalent State or Territory legislation. In addition, we recommend a commitment to implementing protection of that critical habitat through the gazettement of marine reserves.

In conclusion, although stakeholders widely considered that Australia's first NPOA Sharks played an insignificant role in shark conservation, AMCS believes Shark-plan 2 can help provide Australia with the strategy necessary to once more become a global leader in shark conservation best practise. As it stands, however, Shark-plan 2 is inhibited by the absence of an over-arching policy on shark conservation, a lack of an implementation strategy and a lack of funding to support delivery. Detailed actions are absent and the plan lacks a means to benchmark and monitor progress of any outcomes against the actions. These fundamental omissions mean Shark-plan 2 will be subject to suffering the same pit-falls as the first.

In recognition of the global plight of shark species, AMCS believes it is imperative these key shortcomings are addressed in order to demonstrate that "Australian governments are committed to the conservation and management of sharks and their long-term sustainable use" (Shark-plan 2, P. 3) and to ensure that Shark-plan 2 meets the objectives of the IPOA-Sharks, to "ensure the conservation and management of sharks and their long-term sustainable use".

Many AMCS supporters and members of the public share our concerns over the inadequacy of the draft Shark-plan 2 and share our hope that the plan can be greatly improved. Over the past week around 2,000 people have signed up to a petition calling for a stronger Plan of Action to protect sharks in Australian waters. The signed petition is attached to this letter. We provide this demonstration of public concern as added support for and encouragement to the Australian government to address the fundamental limitations of Shark-plan 2 and to develop a final plan that returns Australia to a position of global leadership in shark conservation.

We would be happy to meet and discuss any of these comments and concerns with you further. Please feel free to contact me on toonimahto@amcs.org.au, or 07 3846 6777.

Yours sincerely,



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PETITION:

Australia's draft 2011 National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (Shark-plan 2)

We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned that the draft Shark-plan 2 is a document of inaction that will not serve to protect sharks in Australian waters. It lacks 'teeth', lacks action and lacks funding to support implementation. Rather than taking shark conservation forward, the draft plan is a backwards step from Shark-plan 1.

Australia's approach to shark conservation risks falling well behind best international practice. We urge the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to bring Australia into line by ensuring Shark-plan 2 is a real plan of action that can serve to protect sharks in Australian waters. Shark-plan 2 must:

1. Ensure all State and Territory anti-shark finning legislation is in line with Commonwealth law that require all sharks be landed with fins naturally attached rather than removed at sea.
2. Identify and protect critical habitats for all shark and ray species listed under Federal, State and Territory legislation.
3. Restrict imports of shark products derived from unsustainable fisheries.
4. Introduce comprehensive trade codes for import and export to enable adequate monitoring of Australian trade in shark products.
5. Implement trials of actions to reduce shark and ray bycatch in fisheries.
6. Ensure that the CSIRO/AFMA Ecological Risk Assessments are used to assess and determine risks to sharks from fishing.
7. Improve transparency and accountability by ensuring that representatives from environmental NGOs are included in the Shark Implementation Review Committee, which is responsible for the execution and oversight of the plan.
8. Include a resourcing plan and funding commitments to ensure the actions of the plan are delivered.

| First name | Last name | Postcode | Country | Comments |
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| Alaina | Jones | 4107 | Australia | <p>Please, we need to protect the kings of our oceans. We need definitive plans, and immediate action, especially to stop the despicable practise of shark finning. Show the rest of the world that it is not acceptable, and we mean business.</p> <p>This is such a disgusting process. How can you allow this to happen?</p> <p>It really is unfair that humans continue to plunder all the worlds natural resources and are never satisfied with enough.</p> <p>Australia should be leading the way in the conservation and responsible harvest of sharks in our national waters; it would be a huge disappointment and a great loss if the weak efforts proposed in Shark-plan2 were to be our only response to this pressing issue. Please act to strengthen this plan, and give sharks a chance at continued existence and population health.</p> <p>I totally support this submission. We must ensure Shark-plan 2 is a real plan. Please support it, and enforce it.</p> |
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| Alexander | Theodossis | 3163 | Australia |

I want to ask you politely to give the new Shark Conversation Law a good one! Make sure that anyone who catches Sharks will be punished, and not lightly, but a strong punishment! I strongly believe that Shark killing should be prohibited! It's about time that the Australian Government put it's feet down and protect all the Sharks in Australian Waters!
Thank you!

When I go diving one of the highlights are seeing a shark. Those highlights are becoming fewer now!

To whom it may concern,
I am a member of the public deeply concerned with the health of Australia's

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marine ecosystems. I therefore applaud the Australian Government's decision to renew Shark-Plan and continue its work towards the conservation and management of shark populations in our waters. It is not only an acknowledgment of the intrinsic value of sharks in terms of maintaining species diversity in our oceans, but also a recognition of the critical role sharks play within marine ecosystems.

However, having examined the draft for Shark-Plan 2 I see no concrete plan of action that would demonstrate the government's true commitment to the protection of Australian shark populations. Within the list of proposed actions there is far too much emphasis on reviewing, monitoring and investigating. While it remains important to continue building on our understanding of the issues, this cannot remain the focus. 7 years after the national plan of action was first implemented, it is time to begin acting on the information already gathered. There is a need for active conservation in the form of concrete strategies and legislation.

I would therefore like to urge the Australian Government to review Shark-Pan 2 and, taking into consideration the recommendations made in the petition above, transform it into a true plan of action to protect Australian sharks. Maintaining healthy populations of these magnificent creatures within Australian waters will help protect the health of our marine environments, as well as the health of the tourist and fishing industries that rely on them.

Yours sincerely,
Alexander Theodossis, PhD

The situation in our oceans is too serious for half-baked half-plans.

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| Alison | Apps | 4209 | Australia | <p>After studying tertiary level marine biology, I have realised the environmental need to protect top order predators, such as sharks, and have stopped eating these fishes. Please take the time to consider their welfare and importance.</p> <p>Lets join other forward thinking countries such as the Maldives and Hawaii...lets ban shark finning and provide the greatest protection we can for these beautiful creatures of our oceans.</p> <p>Removal of a top apex predator from our oceans will result in an entire shifts of these ecosystems as we know it. A perfect example of a trophic cascade is the Sea Otter in the Pacific Ocean. When Sea Otter numbers were reduced, due to humans hunting them, sea urchin numbers increased (the sea otters prey)and as a consequence kelp forests disappeared due to the urchins feeding on the algae. This had implications for many fish assemblages as they use the kelp for food and habitat. When Sea Otters were re-introduced to areas in which they had disappeared, balance in the ecosystem appeared once again and the Kelp Forests grew back. This is a successful story, but we don't know if it would be the same success for sharks as we know little about them. Please protect the sharks with legislation that is sensible.</p> <p>We need to take action now for future generations to save our planet. Can you look at the faces of your children and grand-children years from now and explain to them that right now we had a chance to make a change and instead did nothing.</p> |
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| Andrew | Sinclair | 4170 | Australia | Please act to save our oceans top predators from us. |
| Andrew | Gunnyon | 3043 | Australia | |
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| Andrew | Ratter | 4870 | Australia | It is crucial that Australia act as a leader in shark and marine conservation immediately to protect our waters for future generations and convey a message worldwide that marine conservation is essential to maintain SUSTAINABLE fisheries and the fishing industry. |
| Andrew | Boyle | 6062 | Australia | |
| Andrew | Aitken | 2047 | Australia | |
| Andrew | Baddeley | 7806 | South africa | |
| Andrew | Gray | 806 | Taiwan | Sharks are one of the most hunted species in the ocean today. As top predator they perform a vital function in conserving the overall health of the oceans. Please conserve and protect sharks in Australian waters. Thank you. |
| Andrew | Mciver | 3150 | Australia | |
| Andrew | Howard | RG8 8NU | Uk | Please show the rest of the world how to do it. It's not just the sharks that are under threat, it is the health of our oceans. |

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You don't need to have a degree in ocean science to understand the impact of the food-chain if the top part of it disappears. If the oceans die - we die, that's a simple and proven logic.

Catering to this unsustainable malignant human vermin must stop. Start saving and protecting what is valuable and beautiful on this planet.

7 million sharks are killed each year in the world. This has to stop if we want to keep our oceans and planet healthy. With out sharks our oceans will die, and the last time I looked there is no replacement for Earth.
Sharks are important because they are part of the food chain that we are part of....

Save my diving buddies!!!

<http://afrodeau1.over-blog.com/>

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| Anne | Puglisi | 6224 | Australia | <p>please just do the right thing now and no more dilly dallaying its obvious what is right from every point of view</p> <p>Sharks must be protected in every which we can to ensure the balance of the oceans. And as our duty - we only borrow the world from our children to paraphrase and old Kenyan saying PLEASE HELP THE SHARKS TO BE INCLUDED IN CONSERVATION.</p> <p>i surf and i like sharks.</p> <p>The total shark catch from the East Coast Fin Fisheries has dropped by 50% over the past three years due to overfishing and a collapse in shark numbers. A number of Island nations around the world have banned shark hunting altogether, and the economy is stronger for it by promoting eco-tourism. This includes the Bahamas and Honduras. Several USA states including Hawaii have banned the possession and trade of shark fin. They have prioritized the protection of sharks over profits. Australia needs to follow there lead, and protect all threatened shark species in the same way we protect crocodiles and whales.</p> |
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| Asger | Strodl | 4169 | Australia | |
| Ashley | Densham | 3108 | Australia | |

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| Asia | Armstrong | 4169 | Australia | The survival of the human species is ultimately linked to the survival of the shark species. Short term greed will be at the expense of long term benefit. |
| Astrid | Lefringhausen | 4507 | Australia | |
| Aubrey | Wulfsohn | CV32 5BS | Unbited kingdom | |
| Avril | Rose | 4819 | Australia | |
| B | Watson | 6007 | Australia | |
| B. | DÄ¼rrenberg | 22529 | Germany | |
| Bailey | Jocelyn | 4306 | Xspur7@bordnet.com. au | |
| Ban | Ayar | 2219 | Australia | |
| Barb | Cameron | 2540 | Australia | |
| Barbara | Ferreira | 2600 | Portugal | |
| Barbara | Buchholz | 4210 | France | Sharks are important for our oceans. Give them a chance and US!! |
| Barbara | Todisco | 28100 | Italy | Sharks are one of evolution's most enduring success stories. Their ancestry predates even the dinosaurs. To not take real action now in order to help prevent their demise would be inexcusable. Please do the right thing here. |
| Barbara | Scott | 89102 | Usa | |
| Barbara | Devine | 3125 | Australia | |
| Barbara | Warburton | TN40 2ET | Uk | |
| Barbara | Stracke | 2310140 | Brazil | |
| Barney | Henry | 3084 | Australia | |
| Barry | Cunningham | 2538 | Australia | |
| Barry | Ingham | 4120 | Australia | |
| Bas | Van Tongeren | 8005 | South africa | |
| Bbrwo | Fsou | 33510 | Spain | |
| Bein | Aymeric | 97490 | France | We really need to protect shark. Without them the ocean ecosystem will perish and the great barrier reef won't be great at all anymore... |
| Belinda | Wilson | 4170 | Australia | Sharks are thinning all over the world. We have more species in this country than in other areas of the world. When other regions fish their sharks to extinsion (or are smart enough to regulate the catching of sharks and ban the finning practices) those fishers are going to head straight for Australia, if they're not here already. You can't take the apex predator out of an ecosystem without killing the ecosystem itself. We have some of the best fishing, boating, diving and general sea activity areas in the entire world here in Australia. Without the apex predator |
| Belinda | Caskey | 2102 | Australia | |
| Belinda | Langdon | 4131 | Australia | |
| Ben | Peach | 5018 | Australia | |

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| Ben | James | 2602 | Australia |
| Ben | Robotham | VIC3055 | Australia |
| Ben | Pearce | 4573 | Australia |
| Ben | Sale | 4565 | Australia |
| Ben | Watson | 6007 | Australia |
| Ben | Walsh | 2530 | Aus |
| Benjamin | Birt | 2024 | Australia |
| Bernard | Puttaert | 1050 | Belgium |
| Bernard | Nagle | 3163 | Australia |
| Bernice | Klein | D74245 | Germany |
| Beryl | Lesmond | 2444 | Australia |
| Bess | Manley | NW117XR | United kingdom |
| Beth | Beck | 53717 | Usa |
| Betty | Murphy | 90802-5059 | Usa |
| Bev | Brewis | V8V4L4 | Canada |
| Bianca | Wittkowski | 47506 | Germany |
| Bianca | Wirth | 80937 | Germany |

all of this declines very quickly.
Here in Adelaide, bag and size limits have saved and re-energized a dying fishery. It works. Adelaide metropolitan waters are proof of this.
We need to implement strict, enforceable limits on shark fisheries. This will save our shark population and keep our aquatic ecosystems from collapsing. The numbers regarding the amount of food Australian waters provide the world are staggering. We need to protect that.
As well as having better control of the size and amounts of shark catches, we need to ban shark-finning completely. I've seen the footage, sharks have their fins cut off and then the rest of them (95% of the fish!) is tossed back over to sink to the bottom, still alive! This wastage alone is ludicrous not to mention the cruelty. Taking the shark for its meat (Flake) and then using the fins for soup is one thing, but it's clear these companies can't be trusted to do this and are decimating a huge section of the ocean population only to waste nearly all of the animal. Something needs to be done. Our seas are next.
We need to take a stand and not let these companies destroy one of our countries biggest asset, it's seas.

The oceans provide us with approx 70% of our oxygen. We need to protect the top end predators of the ocean to help maintain this ecosystem which we depend on. Please help us help them.

Finning should NOT be allowed at all.....the last sentence on #1 is a huge loophole!!!! NO FINNING!!!!

In march we have been diving in the waters of Palau. It's wonderful to see the healthy shark population there. A big country like Australia should be able to protect their sharks as effective as the small island of Palau. Sharks are important

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| Bill | Barker | 2545 | Australia | <p>for our oceans. Please help to preserve them for the coming generations.</p> <p>These animals are so important to our environment, and I don't think the people realise the extent of destruction that will result if we lose these species. We are already on the border line of it being too late for so many shark species, we need to get this right, right now.</p> <p>please refrain from Bureaucracy and be a bit more human with these matters. These animals need our protection.</p> <p>Lets see, if The Sharks Go Extinct well diseased and sick fish will sky rocket and infect healthier fish causing population collapse in other fish population with the sharks and the fish stock we use (even though its already to the point of collapse which will be cause more extinctions) so lets see if this helps</p> <p>In my opinion people caught cutting off shark fins & returning the shark to the water alive shld have a limb cut off & be thrown in to the sea alive. Sharks are a critical part of marine ecosystems and as they are often slow to mature and reproduce their populations are extremely vulnerable to threats such as shark-fin fisheries and by-catch from other fisheries. The precautionary</p> |
| Bill | Grainger | 2106 | Australia | |
| Bill | Tobin | 2213 | Australia | |
| Bill | Swisher | 92082 | Usa | |
| Bill | Greene | 93448 | Usa | |
| Blair | Roberts | 2037 | Australia | |
| Blake | Chapman | 4556 | Australia | |
| Bob | Gould | 4300 | Australia | |
| Bob | Thomas | 97457 | Usa | |
| Bob | Sloane | 3799 | Australia | |
| Bonna | Mettie | 49768 | Us | |
| Boyan | Dimitrov | 8000 | Bulgaria | |
| Brad | Cleary | 7112 | Australia | |
| Brad | Warren | 5087 | Australia | |
| Brenda | Collins | UB8 3TJ | United kingdom | |
| Brenda | Runnegar | 2614 | Australia | |
| Brendan | Lanham | 2223 | Australia | |
| Brendan | Trewin | 4105 | Australia | |
| Brenton | Riordan | 3218 | Australia | |
| Brett | Mellish | 2232 | Australia | |
| Brett | Hedger | 3204 | Australia | |
| Brian | Crenshaw | 36507 | United states | |
| Brian | Cotgrove | 4159 | Australia | |
| Brian | Bennett | 78700 | France | |
| Brian | Hughes | 2430 | Australia | |

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| Brian | Beckmann | 63104 | Usa | <p>principle needs to be invoked by managers of shark-fin fisheries as depleted populations will not be viable for commercial fishing and will take a long time to recover.</p> <p>Please, if you are interested in the future of the planet whether on land or in the sea, which are inseparable, take serious measures to preserve our beautiful and necessary creatures.</p> <p>please..... please....</p> <p>I want our sharks protected</p> <p>Shark finning is a cruel and wasteful practice which should be outlawed worldwide. The only way to protect our sharks is to implement the above details and destroy the hip-pocket of anyone who breaches them. Any shark landed without its fins intact should be prohibited sale and the people concerned charged accordingly with repeat offenders having boats and equipment seized and sold to pay for further implementation of law enforcement and shark protection.</p> <p>We must do our utmost to help and save these beautiful animals who cannot protect themselves from thoughtless insensitive selfcentred huan beings</p> <p>Sharks are one of the oldest animals on the planet... they have been around since</p> |
| Brian | Welzel | 2353 | Australia | |
| Brian | Howe | CO10 5HZ | Uk | |
| Brian | Leavy | 6169 | Australia | |
| Brian | Pryde | 4555 | Australia | |
| Bridget | Hardie | 3186 | Australia | |
| Bridgit | Thomas | 3940 | Australia | |
| Brie | Maine | 2096 | Australia | |
| Brigid | Courtney | 02119-1436 | Usa | |
| Brigitte | Ellis | 2257 | Australia | |
| Brittaney | Hardy-wallace | 4037 | Australia | |
| Bronwen | Gill | 6157 | Australia | |
| Bronwyn | Trezise | 4311 | Australia | |
| Bronwyn | Neubecker | 3608 | Australia | |
| Bruce | Heiser | 4006 | Australia | |
| Bruce | Stephens | N/A | Hong kong sar china | |
| Bruce | Marshall | 4110 | Australia | |
| Bruce | Terrill | 3355 | Australia | |
| Bruna | Nin | 50037 | Italy | |
| Bryan | Furchert | 2204 | Australia | |
| Bryce | Long | 2037 | Australia | |
| Byron | Hills | 3127 | Australia | |
| Caitlin | Weatherstone | 4870 | Australia | |
| Caitlyn | Wright | 8757 | United States of America | |
| Cam | Hollows | 2031 | Australia | |

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| | | | | before there were trees and yet we stand ready to wipe them out within a generation. Shark finning is far crueler than the cattle slaughter that saw instant action from government. Just because something happens away from cameras on the high seas or beneath the ocean doesn't mean it isn't important. Act to stop shark finning now. |
| Cameron | Marlowe | 5009 | Australia | |
| Cameron | Johnston | 4051 | South africa | |
| Candi | Ausman | 94536 | Usa | |
| Candice | Barnett | 90405 | United states | |
| Candy | Rocha | 90033 | Usa | |
| Cara-joy | Purkis | M6K 1M5 | Canada | |
| Carin | Zellerman | 11221 | Sweden | |
| Carl | Gosper | 6103 | Australia | |
| Carl | Holmes | CH49 7ND | United kingdom | we love sharks |
| Carlene | Visperas | 94521 | Usa | |
| Carlos | Puig | 20551-110 | Brazil | |
| Carlos | Lugo-ortiz | 717 | Puerto rico | Sharks are extremely important ecologically and need protection. |
| Carlos | Whiley | 7004 | Australia | |
| Carly | Walker | 32703 | United states | |
| Carly | Golodets | 11532 | Israel | |
| Carly | Nish | 3616 | Australia | |
| Carol | Norgate | 3150 | Australia | I am particularly shocked that the shark fin trade continues in Australia even in the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. It is clearly cruel and wasteful. This was never part of our culture. Are we going to going to allow other countries to corrupt us in this way. How can we expect the Asians to take us seriously on conservation . |
| Carol | Clethero | 3088 | Australia | We have done enough damage to the oceans and the creatures that live therein. It's time to think about how to reverse our actions and act responsibly for the future of this ecosystem. |
| Carol | Meehan | 4305 | Australia | |
| Carol | Crunkhorn | 620 | New zealand | |
| Carol | Neist | 6055 | Australia | Sharks are essential to the health of our oceans. Please ensure their continuing safety. |
| Carol | Ripley | SG14 2QW | United kingdom | |
| Carole | Abajian | 77710 | Mexico | Who would have thought that we would have to petition to save life in the ocean? How sad for our children to have to live this way. |
| Carole | Kowalchuk | K9H7L6 | Canada | Australia has some of the most remarkable land and marine life in the world- set |

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| Caroline | Gardam | 4101 | Australia | <p>an example for the rest of the world in protecting and conserving it.</p> <p>I was at Stradbroke Island last month and on the beach were 7 shark heads with their teeth missing. We assumed that they were taken as trophies. I understand it is difficult to oversee the seas, but doing nothing about this kind of marine slaughter seems ridiculous. We need apex predators in the water to continue the cycle of ocean life. If they are being hunted out, what hope is there for all other marine life.</p> <p>Its their ocean, we can't live in it or give anything to it other than destruction in the form of pollution, yet we seem to take from it. From our oil spills to the constant leaching of fertilisers, and other toxic contaminates from our poor environmental practices on the land. We take too much from the ocean without giving anything productive back.</p> <p>This shark protection and management can provide valuable legislative infrastructure to the practices that we undertake to manage our constant greed, whilst improving our relationship with the oceans and its creatures.</p> <p>Sharks may not be pretty but I care about them as important to ocean ecology and as unique species</p> <p>Sharks are key predators in the oceans, by decimating their populations for a luxury food, we run the risk of irreversibly changing ocean food webs and ecosystem dynamics. The consequences of such a catastrophic food web collapse can only be guessed at, but may have disasterous effects for human food supplies in the future. As the self appointed 'intelligent' species, humans have the foresight to predict these consequences and must act to prevent this from occurring. The greed of a few should not be allowed to destroy the continuity of nature for all kinds of species!</p> |
| Caroline | Plummer | 2776 | Australia | |
| Caroline | Charles | 4104 | Australia | |
| Caroline | Raward | 2198 | Australia | |
| Carolyn | Court | 3162 | Australia | |
| Carolyn | Hayton | 5069 | Australia | |
| Carolyn | Ienna | 2037 | Australia | |
| Carrie | Barham | 4034 | Australia | |
| Cary | Rogers | 4655 | Australia | |
| Casey | Foo | 6101 | Australia | |
| Cassandra | Szabo | L9G4Y7 | Canada | |
| Cassie | Speakman | 3800 | Australia | |
| Cat | Dorey | 2077 | Australia | |
| Cat | Silver | 4870 | Australia | |
| Catherine | Leach | 2061 | Australia | |
| Catherine | Webb | 6071 | Australia | |
| Catherine | Chambers | 3039 | Australia | |

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| Cathie | Pedersen | T0C0B0 | Canada | <p>Australia seems to be caught up in what they should do as opposed to what they wish they could do. As so many species futures seem to be in peril these days in is definately time to act decisive and make firm policies. Recognizing that although sharks may not be a favoured creature they too have a place in the balance of earths creatures. Finning seems to be a horrific waste and a very barbaric practice, please get on board with the other coutries who are banning this.</p> <p>Protect our sharks...please!</p> |
| Cathy | Baker | 4011 | Australia | |
| Cathy | Longmore | 3225 | Australia | |
| Cathy | Netherwood | 2041 | Australia | |
| Cecelia | Behar | 14867 | United states | |
| Cecilie | Davidson | V8S 1V7 | Canada | |
| Celeste | Ventura | 4625 | New zealand | |
| Cephid | Arcanis | 4000 | Australia | |
| Chad | Buxton | 4810 | Australia | |
| Chanatal | Buslot | 3510 | Belgium | |
| Chantal | Murray | sw6 7nh | Uk | |
| Chantelle | Mcmillan | 4551 | Aussie | |
| Charles | De chelard | 2777 | Australia | |
| Charlett | Hobart | 10003 | Usa | |
| Charlotte | Honour | 3939 | Australia | |
| Chay | Neal | 4169 | Australia | |
| Chelsea | Payne | 6050 | Australia | |
| Cheryl | Bryant | 4655 | Australia | |
| Cheryl | Hendrickson | 96779-0846 | United states | |
| Cheryl | Lewis | 94102 | United states | |
| Chloe | James | 4226 | Australia | |
| Chloe | Dunlop | 5158 | Australia | |
| Chris | Drumright | 37130 | Usa | |
| Chris | Barrand | nsw2094 | Australia | |
| Chris | Mackrell | 90804-6909 | United states | |
| Chris | Welsh | 2031 | Australia | |
| Chris | Sanderson | 4169 | Australia | |
| Chris | Cantor | 4567 | Australia | |
| Chris | Ball | 5153 | Australia | |

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| Chris | Demiani | 7132 | Austria | |
| Chris | Fox | 2026 | Australia | |
| Chris | Hall | 5045 | Australia | |
| Chris | Lesser | 3198 | Australia | |
| Chris | Mcmullen | 93420 | Usa | |
| Chris | Beal | LN117BH | United kingdom | |
| Chris | Nimmo | 2537 | Australia | Sharks are essential as top order predators. Removing them affects the whole food web. We need sharks to keep fish and other populations healthy. |
| Chris | Pryor | 2577 | Australia | Please do the right thing!! |
| Chris | Ball | 2042 | Australia | |
| Christian | Mulquin | 1200 | Belgique | Pourquoi le gouvernement Australien n'Ã©limine t'il pas plutÃ´t les requins de la finance ? |
| Christian | Taylor | 2481 | Australia | This plan is the bare minimum needed to keep shark populations stable. I am afraid that these measures don't even go far enough. I believe that all shark products should be banned(sale and production). Other countries around the world have already set precedents for this. It is a disgrace that sharks caught in shark nets are later finned. |
| Christin | Marshall | 4101 | Australia | |
| Christina | Agabekova | 94518 | Usa | |
| Christina | Crosby | 32904 | Usa | This can not wait for it maybe already too late. |
| Christina | Beeson | 28080 | Spain | |
| Christina | Little | 8054 | Unitedstates | |
| Christine | Cope | 810 | Australia | |
| Christine | Cox | 810 | Australia | |
| Christine | Mcmurray | 2602 | Australia | Sharks are an essential part of the marine ecological balance. Mismanaging the top predators would eventually lead to vast loss of species. I do not want my great grandchildren to have to eat only jelly fish and sea urchins with their chips. |
| Christine | Hennigan | 3030 | Australia | |
| Christine | Murray | 3939 | Australia | |
| Christine | Barnes | 55109 | United states | |
| Christopher | Jansen | 3219 | Australia | will vote for government that takes action on marine conservation. I love my oceans and I vote as well. |
| Christopher | Panayi | BN2 4BU | England U.K. | |
| Cinzia | Caporali | 20066 | Italia | |
| Claira | Hope | | | |
| Claire | Corbett | 2780 | Australia | |

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| Claire | Nahmad | DN9 2JN | U.k. | |
| Claire | Garner | 90210 | Hong kong | |
| Claire | Heath | 4101 | Australia | |
| Claire | Rooney | 3350 | Australia | |
| Claire | Dafonseca | 2145 | Australia | Why don't you ban shark fin soup etc in Australia, maybe then the species will have a chance. Fine those who use this cruel practice . |
| Claire | Coulson | 3555 | Australia | |
| Claire | Robertson | 6112 | Australia | |
| Claire | Wynn | 4552 | Australia | |
| Clare | Cottreau | VG1110 | British virgin islands | |
| Claude | Robert | J2S 3Z4 | Canada | |
| Claudia | Mueller | 2402 | Australia | |
| Claudia | Flaxman | 5068 | Australia | Please stop Shark finning! |
| Claudia | La paglia | 16138 | Italy | |
| Claudia | Luck | 2009 | Australia | |
| Claudia | Solorzano | 33126 | United states | |
| Claudia | Urbaczka | 14050 | Germany | Stop this shame, directly!!!! |
| Claudia | Roos | 55218 | Germany | |
| Claudien | Finoulst | 3320 | Hoegaarden | |
| Clea | Neal-ogilvie | 3184 | Australia | I strongly urge you to protect our beautiful marine environment, and the amazing sharks that live here. If we don't protect them now, they will be gone forever. Think long term, think of biodiversity, think of eco tourism and please preserve the sharks and their habitat |
| Clement | Cochet | h2v1v7 | Canada | |
| Cleve | Etherington | 6164 | Australia | |
| Colin | White | 4551 | Australia | |
| Colin | Chesmond | 4165 | Australia | I feel digusted particulary that the practice of shark finning can occur anywhere in the world. |
| Colin | Apelt | 4068 | Australia | |
| Conny | H. | 10315 | Germany | |
| Conor | Scott | Co. Dublin | Ireland | |
| Conor brian | Scott | Co. Dublin | Ireland | |
| Corey | Benjamin | 90006 | United states | |
| Corinna | Caplain | 10051 | Italy | |

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| Cornelia | Hanning | EH37 5PT | Uk | <p>It is time to take sharks out of the fishing basket. If a couple of highly directed fisheries can sustain very low catches of one or two whaler species, and 'maybe' gummy sharks, then so be it. Other than that, Australian governments continuing to legitimise byproduct and bycatch of sharks during other fishing operations undermines the integrity of Australia's fisheries management ethos.</p> <p>I implore the Australian government to stop bowing to pressure from industry and to invest in regulations and bycatch reduction practices to take sharks out of the fishing framework. An argument for such can no longer be scientifically justified.</p> <p>Regards Craig Bohm</p> <p>Besides being magnificent creatures, sharks hold a major and important role in the environment and in the oceans. We must protect their future at any cost. Our future depends on it. Thank you.</p> <p>Having dived with a shark I realise what a pull they can be for our tourism industry. Please use the Shark Plan II to improve the situations for sharks in Australian waters.</p> <p>I flew over Hervey bay yesterday and searched for sharks for two hours.....not one to be seen. I flew over the same bay 35 years ago and it was full of sharks mainly Tigers..where have they gone...answer fished out by all and sundry. Think about this fact. What are we doing to our environment</p> |
| Craig | Thatcher | 3122` | Australia | |
| Craig | McGovern | 4065 | Australia | |
| Craig | Bohm | 4179 | Australia | |
| Craig | Zanker | 3015 | Australia | |
| Craig | Zimmerman | 98312 | Usa | |
| Craig | Fisher | 4566 | Australia | |
| Craig | Kubacki | 95525 | Usa | |
| Cristina | Seica | 3780 | Portugal | |
| Crystal | Lee | 44509 | Usa | |
| D | Wontor | 18428-9067 | United states | |
| D d | Redman | 55109 | Usa | |
| Dagmar | Bajinski | 10555 | Germany | |
| Dai | Morello | 37890 | Usa | |
| Daisy | Barham | 4101 | Australia | |
| Damian | Foote | 4670 | Australia | |
| Damian | Macrae | 4060 | Australia | |
| Damien | Aitken | 2047 | Australia | |
| Damien | Fitzgerald | 4670 | Australia | |
| Dan | Monceaux | 5068 | Australia | |
| Dan | Price | 3056 | Australia | |
| Dan | Mathews | 3070 | Australia | |

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| Dan/paula | Fogarty | 95409 | Usa | <p>It is time for Mankind to START Being GOOD STEWARDS OF THE EARTH!!! I'll leave you with this--- WE DO NOT INHERIT THE EARTH FROM OUR ANCESTORS,WE BORROW IT FROM OUR CHILDREN! --Native American Proverb</p> <p>These sharks are in our waters, why wouldnt we protect them? seems the logical choice doesnt it? but then again our country is run by a bunch of morons and idiots who cave into anything a foreign country says, how about we stop livingin primitive times and actually start protecting our planets resources so in the future we can actually still live here. its simple biology, if you take the top predator out of an eco-system, u are met with a population boom of the providers (fish), they then deplete every last source of food and then die leaving us with nothing to harvest, i thought they taught you that in primary school.</p> <p>It pains me to think that as a forward moving people, us Australians have not as yet addressed the crisis in our beautiful yet fragile oceans. Come on Canberra step your game!</p> <p>Top predators deserve top conservation!</p> <p>Please do the world a favor and watch the Canadian documentary Sharkwater - the entire world needs our sharks</p> <p>We need to make a long term, strict commitment to the protection of sharks in Australia</p> |
| Dana | Bleckinger | 97219 | Usa | |
| Daniel | Woods | 60453 | Usa | |
| Daniel | Soulas | 33200 | France | |
| Daniel | Hughes | 3016 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Machado | 6162 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Egger | 2024 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Brown | 2251 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Lopez | 2040 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Kershaw | 2031 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Piser | 19119 | Usa | |
| Daniel | Coleman | 2500 | Australia | |
| Daniel | Kaula | 5021 | Norway | |
| Daniel | Corbin | 65041 | United states | |
| Daniel | Borkowski | T2S3B9 | Canada | |
| Daniela | Castro | 93001 | United states | |
| Daniela | Pizzolato | 2063 | Australia | |
| Daniela | Wehlan | 60435 | Germany | |
| Daniela | Muehlheim | 8442 | Switzerland | |
| Daniela | Josenhans | 72574 | Bad urach | |
| Danielle | Dawson | 4020 | Australia | |
| Danielle | Pirotte | 4120 | Belgium | |
| Danielle | Hansen | 4564 | Australia | |

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| Danielle | Courtier | 3350 | Australia | |
| Danielq | Marsh | 2034 | Australia | |
| Danna | Williams | 30601 | Usa | |
| Danny | Madzhurova | 4110 | Bulgaria | |
| Danny | Wilson | 89101 | Usa | Sharks, and mother nature have rights too! |
| Darlene | Schueler | 37330 | Usa | |
| Darren | Mcilroy | 4213 | Australia | Please protect these important creatures. |
| Dave | Councilman | 55426 | United states | |
| Dave | Kind | V7M 1G1 | Canada | |
| Dave | Durlacher | 2099 | Australia | |
| Dave | Undy | 6105 | Australia | |
| David | Kelly | 3356 | Australia | |
| David | Gollasch | 2611 | Australia | |
| David | Hunt | 2534 | Australia | |
| David | Midson | 2911 | Australia | |
| David | Mutton | 2044 | Australia | This is an opportunity for the current government to show that the Liberals aren't all about shooting and industry, that they also have some credentials in the environmental debate |
| David | Rudd | 5008 | Australia | The live cattle issue (2011) shows that Australians are not willing to accept animal cruelty - If Australians saw the treatment that sharks receive when being de-finned the same reaction may occur. Lets prevent this from happening. |
| David | Casey | 98105 | United states | |
| David | Cowdery | 2478 | Australia | healthy shark populations are vital to preservation of most fish species.This fact is not known to most people who believe the reverse is true. Sharks are being wiped out worldwide by finning and general fishing pressure. |
| David | Leckenby | 2450 | Australia | |
| David | Williams | 6959 | Australia | get with the times! we need these ancient creatures to keep our oceans healthy...let alone they have as much right to exist as we.... |
| David | Watson | ng14 5dl | Uk | |
| David | Ford | 4113 | Australia | |
| David | Bilbow | 2068 | Australia | I know that there are noisy and powerful (though mis-informed) lobby groups who are making lots of noise about this being a solution, but as our fisheries are getting smaller, catches getting lower and the overall health of our seas in decline, I urge you to act as a leader and tighten up the rules on sharks. |
| David | Street | 6566 | Western australia | |
| David | Reid | 4358 | Australia | Sharks are a vital part of the ecosystem and thus integral to a sustainable fishing and tourist industry in particular. |

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| David | Rahbari | 48197 | United states | <p>We in the U.S. need to help protect sharks too. I see Australia as being a potential leader in the region to kick-start the fight against horrific animal abuses in Asia, however.</p> <p>We must protect the sharks. they are a vital part of the cycle of life in the oceans. Endangering them endangers all life.</p> <p>Sharks are beautiful and usefull for the ecosystem. Victims of bad legends.</p> <p>sharks are a necessary part of the food web and top predators prevent animals lower down the chain from proliferating too much.</p> <p>PLEASE PLEASE PROTECT THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS...</p> <p>The plan doesn't go far enough for the survival of Grey Nurse species on the coast of NSW which are critically endangered. The state governments must be brought in line for a national shark plan. As far as the Great Barrier Reef is concerned and I have dived that frequently over the last 15 years and I am sad to report there are far less sharks now, to the point you have to be extremely lucky to see one. I don't think the plan will save sharks in Australian waters as fishers are ruthlessly catching and only landing fins even on the GBR in spite of the federal law stating the whole animal needs to be landed for a soup!</p> <p>Sharks are a valuable asset to marine eco systems as the top predator help keep the balance in the ocean. If they disappear these eco systems will break down. It is already happening on the GBR where once sharks were plentiful, now you are extremely lucky to see one. Australia is already losing out to countries like The</p> |
| David A. | Murray | Dublin 22 | Ireland | |
| Dawn | Zegledi | 32738 | Usa | |
| Dean | Wilmot | 2101 | Australia | |
| Dean | Weir | 4558 | Australia | |
| Debbie | Thomas | 89408-2377 | United States of America | |
| Debbie | Brezac | 4118 | Australia | |
| Debi | Phillips | 2216 | Australia | |
| Deborah j | Volk | 6070 | Au | |
| Decalie | Newton | 4160 | Australia | |
| Deirdre | Downey | 2482 | Australia | |
| Deirdre | Kirk | PA23 8SG | Scotland | |
| Delaby | Elisabeth | 93170 | France | |
| Delliana | Of the Sea | 80829 | United states | |
| Denis | Miller | 2233 | Australia | |
| Denise | Lytle | 8863 | Usa | |
| Denise | Welzel | 4575 | Australia | |
| Denise | Tonc | 4819 | Aust | |
| Dennis | Morley | 8857 | United states | |
| Dereka | Ogden | 4224 | Australia | |
| Dermot | Fitzpatrick | 7052 | Australia | |
| Des | Kerrigan | 2150 | Australia | |

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| Desanka | Sandulovic | 11000 | Serbia |
| Devin | Leary | 25227 | Sweden |
| Di | Walduck | 4520 | Australia |
| Dia | Smithredman | 55411 | Usa |
| Diana | Beamish | sy8 2jn | England |
| Diana | Tomkins | 4068 | Australia |
| Diana | Ward | 3071 | Australia |
| Diana | Kiss | 886 | Australia |
| Diane | Sanna | 2579 | Australia |
| Dianne | Muir | 4571 | Australia |
| Dianne | Turner | 4511 | Australia |
| Dianne | Snow | 4505 | Australia |
| Diego | Rossi | 41 | Albano |
| Dogan | Ozkan | 3475 | Act |
| Dominic | Delarmente | 3300 | Philippines |
| Dominique | Lee | 11211 | Usa |
| Dominique | Vanrijkel | 3730 | Belgium |
| Don | Mackay | 3360 | Australia |
| Don | Silcock | 2038 | Australia |
| Donald | Drinkwater | 2482 | Australia |
| Donald & eulalia | Smith | 55432-4911 | Usa |
| Donna | Haase | 19002 | Usa |
| Donna | Chapman | 6056 | Australia |
| Donna | Anderson | 90045 | Usa |
| Donna | Martin | 6104 | Australia |
| Dora | Hoffer | V6G 1B4 | Canada |

Maldives, Palau and the Bahamas in dive tourism. Divers on the GBR are nearly all beginners and snorkellers, as experienced divers are travelling overseas to see sharks and coral reefs full of live and not in decline like the GBR.

Please don't let these amazing creatures die out. What a shame, a real shame. A nightmare I do not want to sleep with. We all need to get some balls (Aussie style) and do something NOW.

EVOLVE!

You can only keep your oceans alive by giving sharks a fair chance and stop the finning and caching sharks for their meat immediately. Otherwise you risk if noticing the necessity of sharks when it's toooooooo late.

A healthy environment, whether be our oceans or on the land is dependant on humans respecting it. Act now for our children's sake.

Please be a leader in conservation.

We must take action NOW, until we still have sharks in the oceans, once we don't have sharks, we have no oxygen. Not to mention the cruelty that is a disgrace to humanity - what gives the right to humans to cut off the fins of sharks, then let

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| Doreen | Kelly | 02341-2007 | United states | <p>them down to the bottom of the oceans?? Outrageous, that this can be legally permitted. Please protect our planet by protecting our oceans and its creatures, before its too late.</p> <p>Please take note of the above recommendations. Dorothy Booth</p> <p>I am in agreement with this proposal for numerous reasons that many can fully understand with very little education. I work in validation of shark age and growth. These animals need our help and this action is the right place to start. Thank you for your time and consideration. Allen Andrews, Ph.D. NOAA Fisheries - Hawaii</p> <p>We have allowed huge damaging changes to the ecology of our oceans and shark protection is the tip of the iceberg. If sharks are adequately protected the rest of the ecosystem will be too.</p> <p>Some country needs to take the lead in protecting ocean species for us all.</p> <p>All life is One source - harming others we harm ourselves. Planet is a living organism and all sentient beings who are living here are Erthlings - the way for</p> |
| Dorothy | Booth | 3194 | Australia | |
| Doug | Lenier | 91401-4328 | Usa | |
| Doug | Knott | 6163 | Australia | |
| Doug | Landau | 33707 | Usa | |
| Dr. Allen | Andrews | 98622 | United states | |
| Dr. Kerstin | Huf | 55218 | Germany | |
| Dr. Matthias | Voigt | 78351 | Germany | |
| Duncan | Bourne | 2090 | Australia | |
| Duncan | Reilly | 5161 | Australia | |
| Duska | Kosanovic | ox2 6tt | Uk | |
| Dylan | Bennett | 2447 | Oz | |
| Dylan | Mulenburg | 55336 | United states | |
| Earl | Kuon | 92054 | Usa | |
| Eckart | Freihäffer | 95488- | Deutschland | |
| Edeltraut | Renk | 60 | Italy | |
| Edith | Coleman | 19805 | United States of America | |
| Edmond | Gattas | 2528 | Australia | |
| Edwin | Mcclure | 4568 | Australia | |
| Eileen | Mcnamara | 2169 | Usa | |
| Elanne | Palcich | 55719 | U.s. | |
| Eleanor | Fox | 3342 | Australia | |
| Eleanor and Frank | Johnson | 4216 | Australia | |
| Elena | Levina | LN5 0EX | Uk | |

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| Elfmagic | Taylor | 5000 | Australia | humans to survive is to embrace the harmony and love and compassion with allthat live. We are all One. When one is harmed, all are harmed. When one is helped, all are helped. |
| Elisa | Serikawa | 4543900 | Brazil | |
| Elisa | Gilson | V6K 1Z7 | Canada | |
| Elisa francesca | Lorenzetti | 80799 | Germany | |
| Elisabeth | Bechmann | 3100 | Austria | |
| Elisabeth | Rodda | 3182 | Australia | sharks are necessary in our waters as they are the cleaners and they keep away diseases by eating the carrion and keeping watch on our oceans. Finning is extremely cruel and must be stopped. Sting rays are superb swimmers doing ballet in the sea and must also be kept alive and strong in our oceans. |
| Elisabeth | Karcher | 13013 | France | |
| Elise | Burgess | 2015 | Australia | |
| Elisenda | Toda | 8012 | Spain | |
| Elizabeth | Carter | 60626 | United states | |
| Elizabeth | Byrne | 3015 | Australia | |
| Elizabeth | Hoey | 3058 | Australia | I strongly urge you to take action to protect sharks in Australian waters. While sharks are often seen as dangerous animals they are in fact vital to the well being of our marine environment. Please do all you can to protect these important and essential marine creatures. |
| Elizabeth | Harlin | 4565 | Australia | |
| Elizabeth | Salkeld | 2758 | Australia | |
| Elizabeth | Crump | 22630 | United states | HUMANS ARE DESTROYING EVERYTHING, PLEASE, SAVE WHAT YOU CAN. |
| Elizabeth | Lee | 3002 | Australia | |
| Elizabeth | Guthrie | 14580 | United states | |
| Elizabeth | Abrantes | n1t1l8 | Canada | |
| Elizabeth | Szacsvay | 3072 | Australia | |
| Elizabeth jane | Shingleton | 2088 | Australia | |
| Ella | Van cleave | V8S 3P6 | Canada | |
| Ella | Fitzpatrick | 2016 | Australia | |
| Ellie | Hallett | 2450 | Australia | Killing sharks is the same as poaching elephant for their tusks. Unworthy of human behaviour. |
| Ellyn | Sutton | 93094 | Usa | |
| Elyse | Cripps | 6112 | Australia | |

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| Emilia | Boccagna | 88100 | Italy | I am an undergraduate at Murdoch University studying Marine Science. I have learnt about our amazing oceans and when I read all of the articles about our deleting fish stocks, how the oceans are worst then what was predicted, and can never be truly recovered it empowers me to know I have to help. But until I have may degree there is only so much I can do, so please as leaders of our country use your power now to help conserve sharks in Australian waters. |
| Emily | Thornton | | | |
| Emily | Panietz | 6122 | Australia | Sharks are an important part of the oceans ecosystems. They are amazing to watch and it would be such a shame if they were no longer around. Their populations have declined dramatically already, and shark finning is just so cruel. We need to protect our sharks! |
| Emily | Wilson | 7008 | Australia | |
| Emily | Doutre | 11215 | Usa | |
| Emily | Moran | 2773 | Australia | |
| Emily | Simpson | 3132 | Australia | |
| Emily | Shaw | 4159 | Australia | |
| Emily | Vaughton | 5154 | Australia | |
| Emily | Claire | 4011 | Australia | |
| Emma | Davis | 3000 | Australia | |
| Emma | Perks | 15423 | Us | |
| Emma | Oliver | 4066 | Australia | |
| Emma | Henderson | 4059 | Australia | |
| Emma | Clark | 7005 | Australia | |
| Emma | Rooney | BB1214 | Brunei darussalam | |
| Emma | Spaninks | 4214 | Australia | |
| Emma | Schranz | 9305 | New zealand | |
| Emma | Johnson | 2282 | Australia | |
| Emma | Stevens | 97229 | America | |
| Enea | Micheli | 25030 | Italy | |
| Enno | Stiller | 63739 | Germany | |
| Eric | Varela | 7000 | Portugal | |
| Erica | Stanton | 6330 | Australia | I totally agree with the above comments re the protection of sharks no matter what part of Australia they 'swim' in. In today's world we do not need to have shark fin soup or even use the meat. Same goes for the ray species. Other fish can be used for our meals with much less environmental impact. |
| Erin | Brown | 2906 | Australia | |

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| Erin | Paton | 4101 | Australia | stop the destruction of the largest ecosystem on the planet before the point of no return! | |
| Erma | Lewis | 11204 | United states | | |
| Ernst | Stewart | 2481 | Australia | | |
| Ernst | Rusterholz | 2226 | Australia | | |
| Ernst | Brinkmann | 4560 | Australia | | |
| Ester | Jansen | 7225NB | Netherlands | | I love sharks,so do my children .My son is 4 years old and he and his friends do find sharks cool,please give sharks and the children of the future a chance to live in a world where sharks are better protected. |
| Esther | Robinson | 4557 | Australia | | They are top predators and keep our oceans healthy!!! |
| Ethan | Goodship | 4122 | Australia | | Please take action. Sharks may not be lovable and cute, but they are vital to the ocean's existance. Please see the bigger picture. |
| Eva | Minkkinen | 6163 | Australia | | |
| Eva | Whybrow | 2540 | Australia | | |
| Evelyn | Bleuel | 2132 | Australia | We urgently need to protect australian oceans - please protect the sharks! Thank you, Fiona | |
| Evelyne | Flament | 59173 | France | | |
| Ewa | Piasecka | 1562 | Poland | | |
| Favre | Corinne | 1009 | Suisse | | |
| Felicity | Mair | 4503 | Australia | | |
| Fernando | Reis | 1990196 | Portugal | | |
| Fiona | Mccuaig | 2021 | Australia | | |
| Flora | Pino garcãa | 28749 | Espaãa | | |
| Florence | Stanley | 4034 | Australia | | |
| Florentina | Burlacu | 7000 | Romania | | |
| Frances | Miller | 2138 | Australia | | |
| Frances | Bell | 6112 | Australia | | |
| Francesca | Stucchi | 26016 | Italy | | |
| Francine | Heath | 2539 | Australia | | |
| Frank | Hermesdorf | 3757 | Australia | | |
| Frank | Valckenborgh | 2113 | Australia | | |
| Frans | Den Hartogh | WA6154 | Australia | | |
| Frederik | Seelig | 2013 WT | Netherlands | | |

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| Friedrich | Tietze | D-01099 | Germany | <p>If the Asians don't have any sharks in their waters, than they can't eat fin-soup anymore!!! Could be it, but globalization and of course money makes it possible. Fin-soup used to be a wedding meal, sushi was a meal for sundays in Japan and now? The whole world eats it every day... they wouldnt notice rubberfins with artificial shark flavour ;)</p> <p>Thank you for your effotrs to date. Please consider giving meaningful support as is ooutlined in the body of this message: bycatch and imports and habitats are some vital elements.</p> <p>Protect Sharks!</p> <p>My family has the right to live in a clean and healthy world. To ignore the plight of these ecosystems and the organism that hold it together is suicide. Humans get 80% of our oxygen from the oceans. If the oceans die, we die. It's as simple as that.</p> <p>PLEASE.</p> |
| G | Gall | 4159 | Australia | |
| Gabriel | Hein | 2481 | Australia | |
| Gabriella | Fox | 3550 | Australia | |
| Gail | Vest | 2602 | Australia | |
| Gail | Wyatt | 6010 | Australia | |
| Gail | Costic | 18324 | United states | |
| Gail | Mcmullen | 90027 | United states | |
| Gareth | Kennedy | 3018 | Australia | |
| Garry | Taroli | 18612 | United States | |
| Gary | Noble | BN3 1RW | Uk | |
| Gary | Brooker | 2536 | Australia | |
| Gary | Lapid | 94043 | Usa | |
| Gayle | Smith | 93923-9735 | Usa | |
| Gemma | Parkes | 4680 | Australia | |
| Genevieve | Pieroni | 13710 | France | |
| George | Stadnik | 11103 | Usa | |
| Georgia | Coonan | 4066 | Australia | |
| Georgikopoulou | Vasiliki | 85100 | Greece | |
| Gerald | Millington | 2754 | Australia | |
| Geraldine and Robert | Johnson | 4500 | Australia | |
| Germain | Puerta | 13001 | France | |
| German | Mendez | 33155 | Us | |
| Gerrit | Woudstra | 8531nx | Netherlands | |
| Gill | Ainsworth | 822 | Australia | |
| Gina | Mascord | 2259 | Australia | |

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| Gina | Krohn | 2508 | Australia | <p>Preservation of our shark populations as is critical as those of our exotic species. Please take the necessary action to ensure the viable future for these creatures. Sharks are an essential part of marine ecology. Protecting them NOW will help in keeping our oceans sustainable.</p> <p>Sharks need action IMMEDIATELY.</p> <p>We are such a lucky country with our diverse terrestrial and marine wildlife let's conserve what we have and implement an effective program to protect our sharks</p> <p>This is a pivotal time for the protection of the oceans around Australia with the proposal for the designation of Marine Sanctuaries. You can help to protect the world's marine diversity. Please act now!</p> <p>Shark fin soup should be actively campaigned against.</p> <p>I'm a chef & Scuba Diver, given the choice these fish should be protected rather than hunted!!</p> <p>Ensure all State and Territory anti-shark finning legislation is in line with Commonwealth law that require all sharks be landed with fins naturally attached rather than removed at sea.</p> <p>We are falling behind in the conservation of our marine-life. Wake Up</p> <p>We need to stop destroying the great wonders of our oceans nature should be protected for the right reasons - it is not a renewable resource that it is currently be managed</p> |
| Ginni | Macrobert | 2340 | Australia | |
| Gisela | Dlugosch | 2145 | Australia | |
| Glen | Shaw | 4159 | Australia | |
| Glen | Holmes | 4066 | Australia | |
| Glen | Shaw | 2487 | Australia | |
| Glenn | Walker | 401 | Australia | |
| Glenn | Woodford | 3206 | Australia | |
| Glenys | Davey | 2094 | Australia | |
| Gloria | Diggle | 32038 | Usa | |
| Gloria | Cameron | 16101 | United states | |
| Gonzalo | Apesteguãa | 38201 | Spain | |
| Gordon | Garradd | 2340 | Australia | |
| Grace | Keast | 6151 | Australia | |
| Grace | Evington | 2481 | Australia | |
| Graciela | Patrã³n Mederos | 24008 | Espaã±a | |
| Graeme | Shaw | 5019 | Australia | |
| Graham | Duffy | 5076 | Australia | |
| Graham | Wand | 4220 | Australia | |
| Grant | Megan | 6019 | Australia | |
| Grant | Evington | 2481 | Australia | |
| Greg | Harper | 3015 | Australia | |
| Greg | Armfield | 2484 | Australia | |
| Greg | Smithers | 2031 | Australia | |
| Greg | Goudey | 92116 | Usa | |
| Greg | Kamp | 4556 | Australia | |
| Greg | Noneman | 43556 | United states | |

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| Greg | Howell | 4223 | Australia | |
| Gregory john | O'Flaherty | 3465 | Australia | |
| Guilherme | Braune | 28610120 | Brasil | |
| Guy | Rayment | 50250 | Malaysia | A complete ban of shark finning and sale/trade of shark fins would be preferred. |
| Guy | Perrotta | 11217 | Usa | |
| Guy | Loasby | 5252 | Australia | Please don't wait until it is too late, take action now! I want my children to inherit what I inherited. |
| H | Hollon | 32806 | United states | |
| Hagit | Sternfeld | 65229 | Israel | |
| Hamish | Jackson | 3068 | Australia | |
| Hannah | Moule | 3634 | Australia | |
| Hans | Wegener | 8853 | Switzerland | |
| Harald | Grabner | 2096 | Australia | Dear Ms. Gillard, don't you feel embarrassed that such a big country as Australia is behind little island states [e.g. Palau, Bahama, Maldives] when it comes to protect the sharks - and therefore the oceans at a whole? As a big island we should protect and conserve the waters we live in - don't you agree? I trust in you and your government to do the right thing and give real teeth to the shark protection. Yours sincerely, Harald Grabner |
| Harold | Schranz | 2913 | Australia | |
| Harry | Roden | 2042 | Australia | |
| Hayley | Harasta | 2093 | Australia | |
| Hayley | Woodland | 6157 | Australia | |
| Heather | Legge | 6107 | Australia | |
| Heather | Cross | 11222 | United states | |
| Heidi | Wenke | 58091 | Germany | |
| Heidi | Charnquist | 68046 | United states | |
| Heidi | Russell | 2541 | Australia | |
| Heike | Dixdon | 51063 | Germany | |
| Heike | KÄrner | 93458 Eschlkam | Germany | |
| Helen | Stone | 4165 | Australia | |
| Helen | Colby | 33156 | Usa | Please act urgently to protect sharks in Australian waters. |

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| Helen | Storey | 2484 | Australia | <p>Please follow other enlightened nations and make an adequate protection plan for sharks. They are essential to the health of our oceans.</p> <p>SharkPlan 2 is nothing more than a rehash of SharkPlan1, implemented 7 yrs ago. In this time, 700 million sharks have been removed from oceans all over the world, many from Australian waters. Pay less lip-service & do something CONCRETE to protect your sharks.</p> <p>please, help</p> <p>I would love to visit Australia to dive with sharks. Please protect your natural resources, especially sharks.</p> <p>We should unite our forces to save our oceans and all living creatures that depend on it. Because if the oceans die, we all die!</p> <p>Please implement the eight steps described and strengthen the National Shark</p> |
| Helen | Carmosino | 4169 | Australia | |
| Helen | Curtis | 6011 | New zealand | |
| Helen | Jordan | 2066 | Australia | |
| Helen | Matthews | 3194 | Australia | |
| Helen | Woodfield | B24 9JL | Uk | |
| Helene | Lowry | 3766 | Australia | |
| Helene | Villedary | 97125 | France | |
| Helene | Villedary | 97125 | France | |
| Helenna | Mihailou | 3797 | Australia | |
| Herbert | Kollmann | 99999 | Belize | |
| Herlinde | Llorca | 38685 | Spain | |
| Hester | Goedhart | 4521 | Australia | |
| Hilary | Goodwin | 22302 | Usa | |
| Hilary | Tillett | 4170 | Australia | |
| Hiroe | Watanabe | 75214 | United states | |
| Hope | Grable | 60914 | United states | |
| Hugh | Russell | 3095 | Australia | |
| Ian | Douglas | 5242 | Australia | |
| Ian | Taylor | B75 5PN | Uk. | |
| Ian | Price | sa2 9dr | Wales | |
| Ian | Killip | 3441 | Australia | |
| Ian | Matthews | 2422 | Australia | |
| Imogen | Scott | 2067 | Australia | |
| Ines | Neumann | 89155 | Germany | |
| Ines | Ulfik | 22769 | Hamburg / germany | |
| Inge | Van hooydonck | 2950 | Belgium | |
| Ingrid | Neilson | 4030 | Australia | |

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| Ingrid | Shaw | 5019 | Australia |
| Ioana | Mitu | 60367 | Romania |
| Irena | Borisova | 3700 | Bulgaria |
| Irene | Brosseit | 32052 | Germany |
| Iris | Chynoweth | 95345 | Usa |
| Isa | Rosso | 10095 | Italy |
| Isaac | Ernst | 4034 | Australia |
| Isabel | Barros | 94703 | Usa |
| Isabel | Miranda | Maia | Portugal |
| Isabella | Amoroso | 96014 | Florida |
| Itamar | Kestenbaum | 7042 | United states |
| Ivana | Grmoja | 31543 | Croatia |
| Ivana | Prpic | 51410 | Croatia |
| Ivor | Burt | 3196 | Australia |
| Iwona | Krzeminska | 41-200 | Poland |
| J. | Olafsson | R3G 2Z8 | Canada |
| Jack | Ducommun | 2606 | Australia |
| Jack | Jennings | 6398 | West australia |
| Jacki | Boyce | 4101 | Australia |
| Jackie | Gillespie | 2259 | Australia |
| Jackie | Hart-davies | 4877 | Australia |

Plan. Our sharks are worth so much to our economy through eco-tourism and our ecology through keeping the balance of the ocean's ecosystems. They are in such dire straights around the world, yet poorer countries dependent on fisheries are moving to protect them. Please strengthen this plan, as the seminal guiding document on managing our sharks. Thank you.

Shark finning is a barbaric, unjustifiable waste of marine life. If Australia doesn't outlaw this practice, we're not doing justice to ourselves or our environment. Please act NOW and send a message to the wanton wasters who are devastating one of the world's great survivors - the sharks who have been here for millions of years - but will be wiped out by uncaring greed for a tasteless piece of gristle. Unbelievable idiocy!!

Sharks are vital to the health of the ocean and our planet and we need a real plan of action to protect them in our waters. Other places around the world are stepping up to the mark and protecting their sharks. Rather than being left behind, Australia can be a world leader in shark conservation if we take action now.

I have been diving for 33years & been involved in several shark research programs in the Coral Sea. I mourn the loss of sharks and the grouper/cod family that has been observed during my diving life. The cruel practice of removing shark fins is abhorrent & immoral as it only satisfies the greed of others whilst sacrificing our species. Protection needs to happen immediately.

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| Jackie | Tryggeseth | 53583 | United states | <p>We must save and protect our precious sharks before it is too late. Sharks forma naimportant role in our marine ecosystem and need protection along with other species.</p> <p>If you have the time, it is worth watching the wonderful nature documentary, Sharkwater - especially on the big screen.</p> <p>Sharks are an important part of marine ecosystems: they must be protected.</p> <p>Countries are banning shark finning every day. Please protect your sharks now. World opinion is fast growing against shark finning. Hopefully shark fin soup will soon be a thing of the past.</p> <p>As a marine biologist and wildlife filmmaker I very much appreciate the importance of sharks to the health and resilience of the marine environment and urge you to greatly improve their protection.</p> <p>Our life depends on all the links in our delicate ecosystem staying strong. The</p> |
| Jacky | Lawes | 2041 | Australia | |
| Jacob | Brakels | 8602xt | Holland | |
| Jacqueline | MÃ©raut | 75017 | France | |
| Jacqueline | Peipert | 62012 | United states | |
| Jacqueline | Saultry | 3340 | Australia | |
| Jacques | Moskovic | 13001 | Marseille | |
| Jacqui | Ning | 4102 | Australia | |
| Jacqui | Stone | 2062 | Australia | |
| Jacquie | Sheils | 4802 | Australia | |
| Jake | West | 95949-9512 | United states | |
| Jakub | Gola | 44-240 | Poland | |
| James | Jones | 4157 | Australia | |
| James | Wyner | 2204 | Australia | |
| James | Hedges | 2034 | Australia | |
| James | Peters | 834 | Australia | |
| James | Ulyate | 4566 | Australia | |
| James | Black | 7006 | Australia | |
| James | Vincent | 3551 | Australia | |
| James | Kokani | 4852 | Australia | |
| James | Muller | 4552 | Australia | |
| James | Sullivan | 60630-2125 | United states | |
| Jamie | Halkyard | 1023 | New zealand | |
| Jamie | Igoe | 90504 | Usa | |
| Jan | Garen | SA91UD | United kingdom | |
| Jan | Aldenhoven | 4183 | Australia | |
| Jan | Cranston | 3350 | Australia | |
| Jan | King | 4032 | Australia | |
| Jan | Rosenberg | 3142 | Australia | |

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| Jana | Orlova | 141160 | Russia | <p>shark is a vital link in our underwater ecosystem. Please act to stop unnecessary killing.</p> <p>I don't want to tell my grandchildren that the reason sharks and other marine life are extinct is because of the Gillard government's weakness and greed in bending to lobby groups by allowing them to rape our seas to feed the wealthy in Asia. Shark fin soup - few Australians have ever eaten it, and never will. Australians don't eat stingrays either. If Asia has fished out its waters, why should we allow them to do it to us? We must respect our sea and all that lives in it.</p> <p>Wake up AUSTRALIA.....don't allow our sharks to be driven to extinction. Some shark species take 15 - 25 years to reach sexual maturity and produce as few as one pup per year. Shark fishing, finning and so called 'shark control programs' are threatening our shark and ray populations. We need tighter laws and more protection before more species are added to the endangered list.</p> <p>I have read Shark-plan 2 and I am truly disappointed to see how equivocal it is. Sharks don't need 'consistency' and 'more accurate data' and whatever other mealy-mouthed terms are in the document. Sure, those things are useful, but we need to take action. Real, bold action. Conservation shouldn't be a political football. Sharks are apex predators; without them, the whole ecosystem is irrevocably altered. I get that there are economic interests, but the fishing industry is demonstrably unsustainable; the oceans are in really serious trouble from a number of fronts; shark conservation is just one small part, and if we are not prepared to take action on this, then what will we do? In addition to the points outlined above, I call on the government to:</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please do something to save our oceans.</p> <p>Regards Janet Brunckhorst</p> <p>I have had lunch in a Chinese restaurant in Sydney which had shark fin soup on the menu - how can we allow this?</p> |
| Jana | Bradley | 5042 | Australia | |
| Jana | Pearce | 2070 | Australia | |
| Jan-christopher | Fischer | 76831 | Germany | |
| Jane | Thomas | 3160 | Australia | |
| Jane | Brownrigg | 3078 | Australia | |
| Jane | Speller | HD6 3TB | United kingdom | |
| Janelle | Stefanides | 4670 | Australia | |
| Janenne | Willis | 3926 | Australia | |
| Janet | Robinson | 33433 | Usa | |
| Janet | Brunckhorst | 3183 | Australia | |
| Janet | Cripps | 2232 | Australia | |
| Janice | Calatayud | 3058 | Australia | |
| Janice | Graham | 4054 | Australia | |
| Janice | Tendys | 2216 | Australia | |

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| Janine | Cowie | 3068 | Australia | I strongly believe that sharks are vital for the health and sustainability of our waters. | |
| Jannemieke | Hanhart | QLD 4870 | Australia | | |
| Jared | Cornelia | 19804 | U.s.a. | | |
| Jared | Dunstan | 4877 | Australia | | |
| Jarrood | Kath | 4350 | Australia | | |
| Jasmin | Brett | 2536 | Australia | | |
| Jasmin | Engel | 64291 | Germany | | |
| Jasmine | Podolsky | R2M 0M2 | Canada | | |
| Jasmine | Roberts | 4030 | Australia | | |
| Jason | Caruso | 3046 | Australia | | |
| Jason | Green | 22551-3327 | United states | | |
| Jay | Van rijn | 6164 | Australia | | |
| Jean | Thompson | 5850 | Usa | | |
| Jean | Naples | 10993-1302 | United States of America | | Please help sharks in waters around Australia to survive. |
| Jean | Brown | 3067 | Australia | | |
| Jean | Le quesne | 6008 | Australia | | |
| Jean damien | Susini | 42660 | France | | |
| Jeanette | Steen | 4671 | Denmark | | |
| Jeanie | Elford | SW13 0JX | Uk | | |
| Jean-michel | Leblond | 6530 | France | | |
| Jeanne | Young kirby | 5155 | Australia | Please take this petition seriously. In regards to conervation efforts we do not have the luxury of being wrong or misguided and the correcting the second time around! | |
| Jeannette | Sander | 12349 | Germany | | |
| Jeannie | Wilson | 32808 | United states | | |
| Jeannine | Barrett | 2761 | Australia | | |
| Jeff | Campbell | 98262 | Usa | | |
| Jeff | Gareau | L6M1V7 | Canada | | |
| Jeff | Jameson | V5K 1B5 | Canada | | |
| Jeffrey | Erlich | 3056 | Australia | Protect the sharks NOW! | |
| Jeni | Nichols | 4034 | Australia | Sharks are vital to our Oceans, without them the ecosystem will fall. We take 75,000 sharks each year from the oceans this is no longer sustainable. We need to find new ways of feeding an ever growing population. Sharks are also beautiful animals, we know little about them and yet they surpass human life on earth. | |

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| Jenita | Enevoldsen | 6011 | Australia | <p>Please give consideration to the preservation of sharks, and their habitat. kind regards Jeni Nichols Please protect our sharks - they are keystone predators and very important for life in our oceans as we know it! We need to protect sharks now before it's too late. These animals are slow to mature, breed late and have few young. Their numbers are falling.</p> <p>Dear DAFF, This is so important and these steps quite simple. It is unbalanced for the government to introduce a carbon tax and not take appropriate action to protect our ocean heritage from wasteful, cruel and thoughtless fishing practices. An island nation, with some of the great wonders of the earth along our northern and western coasts, we should be at the forefront of science and regulatory practices designed to protect our precious resources.</p> <p>Australia needs stronger conservation measures to ensure we protect our sharks!</p> |
| Jenni | Wyrsta | 5241 | Australia | |
| Jenni | Knight | 2536 | Australia | |
| Jennifer | Kilroy | 20705-2561 | United states | |
| Jennifer | Fassett | 21037 | Usa | |
| Jennifer | Lee | 12345 | Singapore | |
| Jennifer | Lovett | 5352 | Usa | |
| Jennifer | Chadwick | 2604 | Australia | |
| Jennifer | Millar | 3089 | Australia | |
| Jennifer | Hole | 6155 | Australia | |
| Jennifer | Johnston | 2080 | Australia | |
| Jenny | Agius | 4055 | Australia | |
| Jenny | Petinos | 3044 | Australia | |
| Jenny | Blair | 6018 | Australia | |
| Jenny | Darcy | 5234 | Australia | |
| Jenny | Magee | 4074 | Australia | |
| Jens | Hansen | 21224 | Germany | |
| Jeremy | Van Doorn | 2517TP | The netherlands | |
| Jeremy | Trotman | 3186 | Australia | |
| Jeremy | Weinman | 2615 | Australia | |
| Jerilyn | Capaccione | 15001 | Usa | |
| Jeroen | Van Kernebeek | 2037 | Australia | |
| Jess | Abrahams | 810 | Australia | |
| Jessica | Morthorpe | 2913 | Australia | |
| Jessica | Cook | 3350 | Australia | |

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| Jessica | Kennelly | 11772 | Usa | <p>I've scuba dived with the lovely Grey Nurse, and have given up all non sustainable seafood in the last couple of years...let's protect our valuable species!</p> <p>Please think about the bigger picture and the consequences for the ecosystem and everyone in the long-term, as well as the practise of shark finning being inhumaine. Thank you.</p> <p>We need to protect sharks before it is too late. Crazy enough that we are killing animals that lived 150 million years before dinosaurs anyways.</p> <p>We humans share this planet with so many other wonderful creatures, all of which are a major part of the food chain. Without the protection of these creatures, including sharks, humans will ultimately be the ones who suffer. I urge the government to protect these important and wonderful creatures of the ocean. It is our duty.</p> <p>Australia is firmly out of step with growing international recognition of the importance of marine parks to conserve, protect and restore our oceans for the marine life particularly sharks whose numbers have been decimated by the barbaric, cruel & unsustainable shark finning in both international & Australian waters. Therefore I and my family want a real plan of action that will protect sharks from overfishing not an inept, inaction of another of Shark Plan No.2.</p> <p>We must protect the ocean to protect ourself. The oceans creatures can't protect themself against humans so we need to help them</p> <p>thanks for reading this!</p> <p>The importance of protecting all levels of marine ecosystems is so well researched and supported. Remove the apex predators and carrion removers ie sharks is to destroy the balance of an areas ecology.</p> <p>The effects are beyond the sadness of this. From a world perspective we share the planet. From an economic perspective protected areas have great flow over effects, look at Leith in New Zealand.</p> <p>Avoid protection and listen to vested business interests might win a few votes but in due course all we will have to eat in jellyfish!</p> <p>Kind Regard Jim</p> <p>Enact & Pass new laws that punish fishermen for removing the fins off the sharks with heavy fines and prison time.</p> <p>We are morally and spiritually obligated to be good stewards of this planet and that includes the sharks....honor it. Thank you.</p> |
| Jessica | Green | 2034 | Australia | |
| Jessica | Mahy | 4005 | Australia | |
| Jessica | Silva | 6100 | Australia | |
| Jessica | Hoyt | 33160 | Usa | |
| Jill | Harbison | 4213 | Australia | |
| Jill | Hirschi | 83211 | United states | |
| Jill | Masters | 6016 | Australia | |
| Jillana | Laufer | 91604 | United states | |
| Jillian | Danne | 3103 | Australia | |
| Jillian | Snell | 2010 | Australia | |
| Jim | Crunkhorn | 620 | New zealand | |
| Jim | Dodd | 2315 | Australia | |
| Jim | Milner | 2077 | Australia | |
| Jim | Phillips | 95476 | Usa | |
| Jinny | Lee | 32666 | Usa | |
| Jo | Pillifeant | 4802 | Australia | |

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| Jo | Banks | 3207 | Australia | A disgrace, unnecessary. Respect for all living creatures and the role they play in our system. High order predators missing from the system can be catastrophic. | |
| Jo | Day | 3044 | Australia | | |
| Jo | Oldland | 3677 | Australia | | |
| Jo | Smartt | 6530 | Australia | | |
| Jo | Northey | 2017 | Australia | | |
| Jo | Banner | 2315 | Australia | | |
| Joan | Backey | 92831 | United States of America | | |
| Joanna | Wand | 3056 | Australia | | |
| Joanne | Peace | 1022 | New zealand | | |
| Joanne | Gurney | 4221 | Australia | | It is an absolute outrage that the cutting off of shark fins and tossing the doomed creature back into the oceans to suffer an awful death is being allowed by our government. If the time arises when there are actually too many sharks in some species then at least insist that the whole creature be utilised and that a few selfish greedy people do not benefit from the very cruel practice of fin harvesting. |
| Joanne | Marston | 2096 | Australia | | |
| Jo-anne | Seater | 5015 | Australia | | |
| Jocelyn | Tan | 3000 | Australia | | |
| Jodee | Lysaght | 6147 | Australia | Please, let's show the rest of the world we ARE serious about marine conservation... | |
| Jodi | Jones | 4053 | Australia | | |
| Jodi | Burley | 4060 | Australia | | |
| Jodi | Fleming | 2204 | Australia | | |
| Jodie | Blackney | 3215 | Australia | | |
| Jodie | Barnes | 2870 | Australia | | |
| Jody | Plecas | 4551 | Australia | | |
| Joe | Brisick | 4552 | Australia | | |
| Johannes | Beck | 50677 Koeln | Germany | | We need to protect these beautiful and misunderstood creatures. |
| John | Viacrucis | 56560 | United States of America | | |
| John | Mckay | 2745 | Australia | | |
| John | Darmody | 2093 | Australia | | |
| John | Taylor | 2259 | Australia | I would be very pleased if at least Australia with such a huge flow of international tourist (and many of them dive) would protect sharks from being fished. I visited Australia the first time mainly to see sharks and I'm deeply concerned by plans to increase shark fishery. | |

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| John | Merory | 3079 | Australia | |
| John | Chichkan | 2525 | Australia | |
| John | Wang | 3000 | Australia | |
| John | Magee | 4879 | Australia | |
| John | Hill | V6E 3Z8 | Canada | |
| John | Rorke | 4573 | Australia | |
| John | Kachur | 4852 | Australia | Protect Sharks |
| John | Read | 4870 | Australia | I strongly believe in Shark Parks but I also believe we should allow controlled commercial shark shark fishing once the numbers have built up. |
| John | Sampson | 70583 | Australia | |
| John | Archer | 2075 | Australia | Being a keen diver of some 30 years experience the drastic reduction in shark numbers is becoming glaringly obvious. It is a given that a healthy ecosystem requires preservation of the environments top predators. As this is not currently the practice I urge you to consider a real plan of action to prevent future ecological disasters. |
| John | Kirchner | 46807 | Usa | |
| John | Chabowski | 3015 | Australia | |
| John and Martha | Stolotenberg | 53020-0596 | Usa | Save all Australian sharks! |
| John m | Gill | 4740 | Australia | |
| Jolie | Truesdell | 66103 | United states | |
| Jon | Bagdon | 11501 | Usa | Sharks must be protected !!! |
| Jon | La forgia | 5008 | Australia | |
| Jon | Levin | 18062 | Usa | |
| Jon | Ward | 71411 | Ksa | |
| Jon | Starling | 6255 | Australia | To whom it may concern Please protect these Alpha predator as they preform a vital role in maintain the marine balance. Jon |
| Jonathan | Lloyd | 4030 | Australia | |
| Jonathan | Wilcox | 6168 | Australia | |
| Jonathon | Mavin | 2011 | Australia | |
| Jordan | Crook | 3155 | Australia | |
| Jordan | Lovell | 7004 | Australia | |

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| Joseph | Barnett | 91601 | Usa | <p>I live in Spain and I know from my four years of experience talking to Spaniards that sharks are one of Australia's big drawcards. Please be responsible leaders and exemplary politicians so that we can feel proud of our country in the rest of the world.</p> <p>Please make shark conservation work!</p> <p>As an open water scuba instructor, I must say how important this is. Esp. for Australia, whose Barrier Reef provides tons of tourist income. Be smart about this, not selfish!!!!</p> <p>I have been diving the South Coast of NSW for over 20 years and in that time the sharks have gone from plentiful (30 plus per dive) to rare (lucky to see 1 or 2. If we don't do something soon the only sharks we will have will in a museum.</p> <p>I am worried about all the sharks that are being slaughtered. I support strong</p> |
| Josephine | Ayling | 28013 | Spain | |
| Josephine | Vermeer | 6026 | Australia | |
| Josh | Jensen | 4565 | Australia | |
| Joshua | Reinhardt | 2090 | Australia | |
| Joshua | Reinke | 4213 | Australia | |
| Josiah | Walker | 15501 | U.s.a | |
| Josiane | Dalcourt | 23000 | Mexico | |
| Joy | Modistach | 3350 | Australia | |
| Joy | Stevenson | 3078 | Australia | |
| Joyce | Frohn | 54901 | United states | |
| Jude | Dwyer | 6016 | Australia | |
| Judith | Bliss | 10023 | Usa | |
| Judith | Abel | 4000 | Switzerland | |
| Judith | Conway | 3002 | Australia | |
| Judith | Prior | 4060 | Australia | |
| Judith | Hazelton | 5201 | Usa | |
| Judy | Hawkes | 2065 | Australia | |
| Judy | Horsfall | 5051 | Australia | |
| Julia | Sharky | 2545 | Australia | |
| Julia | Otero | 80212 | Usa | |
| Julia | Sidelnikova | 80212 | Usa | |
| Julia | Groening | 4013 | Australia | |
| Julia | Biedrowski | 22765 | Germany | |
| Julia | Steiner | 80796 | Germany | |
| Julia | Osborne | 6060 | Australia | |
| Julia | Waller | SE24 9LR | United kingdom | |
| Julie | Fox | 3550 | Aust | |

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| Julie | Mackay | 3360 | Australia | <p>protection for theses apex predators</p> <p>Please stop this barbaric slaughter of sharks as they too are important in the food chain. The killing of them is cruel and senseless only for ego based glory in countries uncaring about protection of our endangered species Julie I have read the draft for Shark Plan 2 thoroughly and am disappointed to see very little effective proposals for shark protection. The need for even more assessments seven years after the implementation of SP1 goes to show how ineffective the original Shark Plan was and this draft is nothing more than a rehash of that. Certain issues are not accorded sufficient priority and no concrete proposals have been suggested. This barren & fruitless document does nothing for sharks and requires more decisive actions.</p> <p>despite this government's track record of backing down on all environmental or conservation issues, and the difficulties of enforcing trade codes against desperate greed, it's time the Aust. government & appropriate authorities acted to stop this ghastly practice.</p> <p>Greed has surpassed humanity</p> <p>People should know about the importance of sharks in the oceans and if that is not enough, think about the money value of a live shark, which according to studies in your country, Australia, can be 17,000 times more than that of a dead shark. A single reef shark can be worth \$ 2 million over it's life time. Is that worth killing them for a soup that has no taste?</p> <p>We need to preserve these apex predator's and ultimately the natural food chain. I know I certainly don't want to rely on Jelly fish and seaweed for a staple diet in the future!!</p> |
| Julie | Roxburgh | GU22 9AE | Uk | |
| Julie | Glennon | 4069 | Australia | |
| Julie | Geldard | 4160 | Australia | |
| Julie | Wright | 72320 | France | |
| Julie | Copeland | 3207 | Australia | |
| Julie | Schilin | 3058 | Australia | |
| Julie | Scopelitis | 98800 | New caledonia | |
| Julie | Woodman | 6111 | Australia | |
| Julie | Van Niekerk | 1759 | South africa | |
| Julie | Power | L7G 2R5 | Canada | |
| Julieta | Nagy-navarro | 1063 | Hungary | |
| Jullie | Lincoln | 2824 | Australia | |
| June | Outteridge | 4184 | Australia | |
| June | Halls | 3145 | Australia | |
| Jupp | Baron kerckerinck | 12545 | Usa | |
| Jurgen | Batsleer | 1815 | Netherlands | |
| Justin | Gibbs | 6019 | Australia | |
| Justin | Pickering | 6160 | Australia | |
| Justin | Leigh-smith | 4218 | Australia | |

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| Justine | Seymour | 3172 | Australia |
| K | Golding | 3187 | Australia |
| Kaaryn | Barrett | 6024 | Australia |
| Kali | Rose | 3057 | Australia |
| Kane | Lunn | 2060 | Australia |
| Kara | Gleadell | 6230 | Australia |
| Karajayne | Handberg | 4211 | Australia |
| Karel | Kaluza | Co-Mayo | Ireland |
| Karen | Mackenlay | 7015 | Australia |
| Karen | Lyons kalmenson | 11021 | Usa |
| Karen | Raubenheimer | 2089 | Au |
| Karen | Williams | 2539 | Australia |
| Karen | Nimmo | 7745 | South africa |
| Karen | Thomas | 2263 | Australia |
| Karen | Reid | 4358 | Australia |
| Karen | Rogers | 2519 | Australia |
| Karen | Neubauer | 3219 | Australia |
| Karen | White | QLD 4873 | Australia |
| Karen | Beliveau | H4L 218 | Canada |
| Karen | Monson | 4870 | Australia |
| Karen | Pickering | 2034 | Australia |
| Karen | Stuart | 6440 | Australia |
| Karen | Neubauer | 3219 | Australia |
| Karen | Tucker | 32514 | Usa |
| Karin | Koetzner | 83150 | Thailand |
| Karin & bruce | Viles | 2037 | Australia |

Please listen. This is a VERY IMPORTANT issue. The sharks are just one delicate piece in a faltering marine eco system. We still have time but only just. This problem will not go away but continue to worsen until we act.

I am a final year Bachelor of Science student at Griffith University, majoring in Marine Biology and Ecotourism. I am signing the petition in hopes that the Government will compose a real plan of action that will safeguard the future of Australian sharks.

THE SHARKS IN THE WATERS AROUND THE WORLD SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND BE LEFT ALONE IN THE OCEANS TO SWIM FREELY. SO COME ON LETS ALL HELP THESE ANIMALS OF THE OCEANS LIVE FREE.

Sharks keep our oceans healthy and are a valuable ecotourism industry. Please act now to protect shark populations in our waters.

Thank you.

Karen Rogers

Sharks are beautiful, amazing creatures that need and deserve our care and protection!!

Shark-finning is a brutal, barbaric practice! Australia says NO to such cruelty!

Alert phase red for our sharks !!! Take action to protect sharks !!!

We need to instigate plans to protect sharks , particularly from those who cut off

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| Karl | Griffiths | 6010 | Australia | their fins and throw the live shark back to die. This is not only cruel but a complete waste. We really need to protect the balance in our ocean environment. |
| Karli | Thomas | 1081 | New zealand | If little Pacific countries like Palau can create shark sanctuaries and ban finning, what the hell is stopping Australia? |
| Karuna | Sookoo | L6T 1V1 | Canada | |
| Karyn | Pappel | V9P 9A1 | Canada | |
| Kate | Kenner | 2130 | Usa | I hope you will amend the plan to insure better protection for shark. What is happening to them is wrong and we must do all that is possible to make sure they survive. I write this because what is happening is wrong and i care about what happens to sharks. |
| Kate | Barrow | 4701 | Australia | |
| Kate | Engledow | 4740 | Australia | |
| Kate | Williams | LN4 1QT | England | |
| Kate | Davey | 4179 | Australia | Please protect all Australian sharks from fishing. |
| Kate | Temple-smith | 2425 | Australia | Sharks do not get the protection necessary and needed in our waters, they are awesome creatures that play a hugely important part in the marine ecosystem, protect the population now!! |
| Kate | Redman | 1011HC | Netherlands | |
| Kate | Geraldene | 3163 | Australia | |
| Kate | Willson | 4560 | Australia | |
| Kate | Goodson | 23453 | United states | |
| Katelyn | Westfal | V3E2N9 | Canada | |
| Katey | Sutton | 3122 | Australia | |
| Kath | Clarke | 2577 | Australia | |
| Kathe | Garbrick | 66503 | Usa | |
| Katherine | Hobbs | 6162 | Australia | |
| Katherine | Jacka | 2204 | Australia | |
| Katherine | Reed | 98275 | United states | ~No Fin No Shark No Future period. ~Save Sharks Save The Oceans Save Ourselves. ~For The Sharks For The Oceans For The Future. |
| Katherine | Germano | 6118 | Usa | |
| Kathleen | Wolfe | 98198 | United states | |
| Kathleen | Murray | 6052 | Australia | |
| Kathleen | Hyatt | 47129 | Usa | |
| Kathryn | Samaan | 4066 | Australia | |

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| Kathy | Schirmer | 4078 | Australia | |
| Kathy | Dolan | 60187 | Usa | |
| Katie | Walters | 4169 | Australia | |
| Katrien | Vandevelde | 3221 | Belgium | |
| Katrina | Ledwidge | 2042 | Australia | |
| Katy | Simmonite | s12 2sa | England | |
| Kay | Baird | 2233 | Australia | |
| Kaye | Groves | 2482 | Australia | |
| Kaye | Proudley | 3966 | Australia | |
| Kayleigh | Williams | cf3 1qu | Wales | |
| Kaz | Vickery | 6159 | Australia | <p>These sharks need saving as they are an important part of the ecosystems and a keystone species. Surely using them as an advantage to tourism is better than extinction</p> <p>Sharks are vital to the ecosystem, without them not only will the oceans fail, so will human life. Please do all that you can to help save the oceans by making a shark conservation to protect all sharks. Thank you.</p> <p>no more finning..unnecessary</p> <p>The value of sharks for the diving and tourism industries surely outweighs their value to the fppd industry (if not economically, definitely morally)</p> <p>For the Oceans.</p> <p>I think we should be doing more to save our sharks we have a very big chance to show the rest of the world how to take care of our marine life</p> |
| Kearston | Bloxidge | 3803 | Australia | |
| Kees | Hulsman | 4151 | Australia | |
| Keith | Fisher | 2484 | Australia | |
| Keith | Nallaratanam | 4810 | Australia | |
| Kellie | Larsen | 3016 | Australia | |
| Kelly | Donati | 3068 | Australia | |
| Kelly | Goheen | 22153 | United states | |
| Kelly | Jones | BN3 1RP | United kingdom | |
| Ken | Brown | 2350 | Australia | |
| Ken | Ward jr. | 12078 | Usa | |
| Kent | Gration | 4030 | Australia | |
| Kent | Mcgregor | 4350 | Australia | |
| Kent john | Clark | 53089 | Usa | |
| Keri | James | 2602 | Australia | |
| Kerry | Smith | JE2 3LX | Uk | |
| Kerry | Lapworth | 5051 | Australia | |
| Kerry | Pennington | 3219 | Australia | |
| Kerry | Firkin | 2315 | Australia | |

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| Kerryn | Wood | 2548 | Australia |
| Kerstin | Bilgmann | 5001 | Australia |
| Kevin | Shaw | 4888 | Australia |
| Kevin | Mckinney | 2320 | Australia |
| Kevin | Hopper | 68524 | Usa |
| Kevin | Wong | 2150 | Australia |
| Kieren | Welzel | 4575 | Australia |
| Kiki | Kefala | 57500 | Greece |
| Kim | Riddle | 3032 | Australia |
| Kim | Kindler | 2119 | Australia |
| Kim | Bauer | 93535 | Usa |
| Kimberley | Ibbott | 4152 | Australia |
| Kimberly | Peterson | 95425 | Usa |
| Kim-vu | Salamonsen | 4030 | Australia |
| Kirby | Moffat | 6210 | Australia |
| Kirby | Smith | 3032 | Australia |
| Kirilly | Swain | 4714 | Australia |
| Kirin | Apps | 2480 | Australia |
| Kirsten | Ball | 6014 | Australia |
| Kirsten | Bilderaya | 80601 | Usa |
| Kit | James | 3000 | Australia |
| Kjell | Vistnes | 30052 | Usa |
| Klaus | Bartelt | 72135 | Germany |
| Kristian | Millar | 3095 | Australia |
| Kristin | Womack | 94960 | United states |
| Kristina | Entwistle | 4223 | Australia |
| Kristy | Mitchell | 76401-4818 | Usa |
| Kristyn | Chinkin | 6151 | Australia |
| Kunang | Agung | 5062 | Australia |

Put conservation above short term cheap imports of products that destroy our environment. It will actually win more votes, not less. You saw the reaction to the cruel beef slaughter, wait for a video again on shark finning.

It's terrible what we do to the sharks and the oceans. Sharks maintain the biological balance in the oceans and must be protected at all cost. eventually everything will run out the way we treat the planet. unlike the economy, nature doesnt have a constant growth to rely on. it will soon be depleted. please take action to protect our marine life

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| Kurt | Amsler | 83150 | France | |
| Kye | Lesmond | 2444 | Australia | |
| Kyle | Hendry | 2749 | Australia | |
| Kylie | Jones | 2075 | Australia | |
| Kylie | Hitchman | 2094 | Australia | |
| Kylie | Damico | 3064 | Australia | NO MORE FLAKE. |
| Kyoko | Takayama | 94550 | Usa | Shark fin soup may be a part of Asian culture, but is NOT an essential one. Sharks play a key part in the ocean. There is no question which is more important. Sharks! |
| L. | Mcgannon | 57301 | Usa | |
| Lachlan | Hughes | 2042 | Australia | |
| Lara | King | 4053 | Australia | |
| Laraine | Winn | 33762 | United states | What happens when they are all gone? |
| Larisa | Vanstien | 6066 | Australia | |
| Laura | Bailey | 6285 | Australia | |
| Laura | Nigro | 6941 | Australia | |
| Laura | Knight | 3011 | Australia | |
| Laura | Allum | 4218 | Australia | Minister, you need to explain to the people of Australia how the 2011 draft Shark Plan-2 is implementing your commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity and protecting apex predators most essential to maintaining the diversity of the marine ecosystem. |
| Laura | Ruykys | 5062 | Australia | |
| Laura | Richardson | 5045 | Australia | |
| Laura | Horning | 44145 | U.s.a. | |
| Laurel | Brewer | 93021 | United states | |
| Lauren | Holmes | 5159 | Australia | |
| Lauren | Macura | 32905-5535 | United states | |
| Layla | Watson | 2015 | Australia | |
| Leah | Cooper | 2100 | Australia | |
| Leah | Knapp | 6163 | Australia | Please act now to strengthen protection for sharks in oceans around Australia- without them we are lost! |
| Leanne | Worrell | 3124 | Australia | |
| Lee | Baron | 34994 | Usa | |
| Lee | Kharod | 6172 | Australia | |
| Lee | Ratray | 3881 | New zealand | We need sharks n ordr for the ecosystem to work correctly. At present there are |

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| Leeanne | Marshall | 3121 | Australia | not enough sharks left to maintain a balance. STOP SHARK FISHING ANYWHERE IN AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND WATERS! |
| Leith | Maddock | 6330 | Australia | |
| Lena | Sandstrom | 70234 | Sweden | |
| Lenore | Reeves | 60448 | United states | |
| Lenore | Keough | 4054 | Australia | |
| Leon | Trumpp | 65301 | Usa | |
| Leonardo | Guida | 3043 | Australia | |
| Leonie | Lyall | 2782 | Australia | |
| Leonie | Hanger | 4510 | Australia | |
| Lesley | Burnett | 4067 | Australia | |
| Leslie | Edwards | 2214 | Australia | |
| Leticia | Frutos | 1350 | Paraguay | |
| Lewis | Mitchell | 3186 | Australia | |
| Liam | Sorrell | 3030 | Australia | |
| Lidia | Baltazar | 6320 | Portugal | |
| Lil | Judd | 91342 | Usa | |
| Lili | Recht | 3108 | Australia | |
| Lilo | Prinz | 8804 | Switzerland | |
| Linda | Jones | 91762-2807 | United States of America | |
| Linda | Hunt | 21901 | Usa | |
| Linda | Carroll | 70118-4951 | United states | |
| Linda | Gibbon | 4110 | Australia | |
| Linda | Van singel | 2930 | Belgiã« | |
| Linda | Prostko | 49316 | Usa | |
| Lindsay | Mugglestone | 94705 | Usa | |
| Lindsay | Goward | 4557 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Baker | 3095 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Neste | 27265 | Usa | |

keep them in the ocean!!!

Sharks are an amazing species that has survived for millions of years, only to meet destruction at the hands of those who neither understand nor appreciate their intelligence and usefulness. Please be known as the public officials who saved them, not those who continued to abandon them.

AS A KEEN SCUBA DIVER ,PLEASE STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF OUR SHARKS . THEY ARE A VITAL PART OF OUR OCEANS

Sharks are an extremely important factor in our food chain & the health of our

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| Lisa | Coviello | 3055 | Australia | <p>oceans. They are to be revered & respected, and protected at all costs!!!</p> <p>Shark fishing should be banned, full stop. It is unbelievable to think that shark fishing on the great barrier reef is still permissible. Australia is a backward country when it comes to shark protection. Smaller countries like Palau and the Bahamas see fit to Procter sharks and have banned all fishing, Australia must take this step!</p> <p>Without sharks there will be an enormous imbalance in the oceans - they need protecting. Their downfall will be shortly followed by ours! Please act now on behalf of people like me, who VOTE FOR GOVERNMENT MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION OF ITS PRECIOUS SPECIES.</p> <p>One third of the world's shark species are extinct, and Australia has a serious responsibility to conserving our shark populations, as a concerned global community member - we manage one of the largest ocean territories in the world. Australia's draft 2011 National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (Shark-plan 2) currently lacks detailed action to protect our shark populations. This Plan needs funding and government commitment to back it up. PLEASE ACT NOW.</p> <p>Sharks are an essential component of the marine ecosystems and we simply do not know how their disappearance will impact on our oceans and ultimately us as we are all connected. Government recognises the importance of biodiversity and this must apply to the marine environment as well as terrestrial. Please protect sharks from cruel practices and over fishing that is leading to their extinction.</p> |
| Lisa | Knowlson | 2456 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Stapleton | 2016 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Mclean | 5173 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Rees | 3757 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Pierna | 33990 | Usa | |
| Lisa | Stevenson | 4811 | Australia | |
| Lisa | Pogson | 5044 | Australia | |
| Liv | Gaunt | 6450 | Australia | |
| Liz | Brown | 2454 | Australia | |
| Liz | Allen | 2548 | Australia | |
| Lizzie | Damiano | 2614 | Australia | |
| Lloyd | Hedger | 98403-2281 | Usa | |
| Lois | Nethery | 2100 | Australia | |
| Lois | Levy | 4224 | Australia | |
| Lora | Stanoeva | 3700 | Bulgaria | |
| Lora | Lennartz | 41849 | Germany | |
| Lorena | Gallego | 8000 | Argentina | |
| Lorenz | Fischer | 61118 | Germany | |

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| Lorenz | Steininger | 86558 | Germany | |
| Loretta | O'Brien | | | |
| Lori | Kegler | 90731 | Usa | Sharks are vital predators. Without them, our oceans will sicken and die under the weight of decaying animals. They must be protected and saved. |
| Lori | Snyder | 17350 | United states | |
| Lorna | Thompson | BS9 3LG | England | |
| Lorraine | Gillespie | 2285 | Australia | |
| Louisa | Laing | 4212 | Australia | |
| Louise | Dixon | 4870 | Australia | |
| Louise | Synnot | 6020 | Australia | |
| Louise | Clayton | 2650 | Australia | Do this for all our futures. |
| Lovin | Animals | 0 | My | |
| Luana | Royle | 4756 | Australia | |
| Luba | Varlakov | 4556 | Australia | a healthy shark population helps insure healthy populations of other fish by removing faulty fish from the gene pool. Bad legislation concerning sharks will hurt the fishing industry across the board in the long run. |
| Luciana | Moller | 5048 | Australia | |
| Lucinda | Murray | 2099 | Australia | |
| Lucy | Penhallow | 2039 | Australia | |
| Lucy | Grant | 3078 | Australia | |
| Lucy | Dilks | 6154 | Australia | |
| Luise | Perenne | 92708-6722 | United States of America | The idea that an entire set of species that's integral to the health and preservation of the world's oceans should be threatened with extinction so that a bunch of humans can indulge in shark fin soup is outrageous! |
| Luiz | Perez | 11937 | United states | |
| Luke | Bone | | | |
| Luke | Baade | 5095 | Australia | |
| Luke | Mcleod | 2095 | Australia | I surf +5 times a week, but thoroughly recognise the importance of Sharks to the ocean eco-system as top predators and their need for urgent protection. Finning in particular, is a disgusting and barbaric process which must stop. |
| Luke | Peterson | 3109 | Australia | |
| Luke | Durant | 2483 | Australia | |
| Luke | Strom | 2774 | Australia | |
| Luke | Riley | 6701 | Australia | |
| Lydia | Garvey | 73601 | Usa | |

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| Lynda | Staker | 4740 | Australia |
| Lynda | Clarke | 2300 | Australia |
| Lyndal | Ogorman | 4060 | Australia |
| Lyndon | Devantier | 4566 | Australia |
| Lyne | Forget | H3L 1A6 | Canada |
| Lynette | Cole | 4069 | Australia |
| Lynn | Crandall | 86326-5114 | Usa |
| Lynn | Tor | sy11 | United kingdom |
| Lynn | Roberts | 4164 | Australia |
| Lynn | Ziegler | 98370-8315 | Usa |
| Lynne | Buckley | LE12 9HQ | United kingdom |
| Lynne | Mclachlan | 4053 | Australia |
| Lynne | Vary | 3113 | Australia |
| Lynnette | Timmis | 2546 | Australia |
| M. | DÄ¼rrenberg | 22529 | Germany |
| M.j. | Strijdhorst | 3851 ZE | Nederland |
| Maddison | Hutchins | 4506 | Australia |
| Madeleine | Pieper | 3056 | Australia |
| Madison | Stewart | 2481 | Australia |
| Magali | Feugier | 13004 | France |
| Maggie | Bucu | 6530 | Australia |
| Maianna | Fitzgerald | N0B 2K0 | Canada |
| Maiss | Hans-juergen | 80937 | Germany |
| Majella | Nugent | 3161 | Australia |
| Mala | Kennedy | 6012 | Australia |

As a coral reef ecologist and having dived at many locations globally over the past 30 years, from Arabia to Sri Lanka, W Australia, E Australia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Brunei, China, Micronesia, PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Florida and Panama I have, in my short working lifetime, witnessed the dramatic decline of sharks globally. Many species are now endangered with extinction. Australia needs to set an international example in respect of critically needed conservation and truly ecologically-sustainable harvest, both in word and deed, including ensuring the strength and coherency of state and national legislation and international treaties, and real enforcement of regulations. I therefore respectfully urge your careful consideration and action on the 8 points listed above by AMCS.

I love to eat fish, but i also know the need to conserve and save breeding grounds for conservation purposes.

thank you so much for making this petition, sharks are amazing and should be protected

Please accept this entry as proof of my deep concern on this matter.

Sharks are a world treasure, without them the oceans will suffer irreperable damage.

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| Malcolm | Dow | 3204 | Australia | <p>Australia can do so much better to protect our habitat and the species in our care.</p> <p>Sharks keep the ocean's clean - by protecting sharks, you are also protecting the reefs and fish life which in turn will keep the fishing industry thriving but the fishing industry needs to adopt best practices to ensure the safety of the shark species. They need to be made aware of the consequences and take action to keep our oceans clean.</p> <p>Sharks are a very important part of the ocean's ecology. Please take the necessary steps to protect sharks in Australian waters.</p> <p>Take action please, for the health of our environment and allow future generations the benefit in seeing these beautiful creatures.</p> |
| Malgorzata | Swiatek | 02-799 | Poland | |
| Malia | Dewse | 3056 | Australia | |
| Mandy | Box | 2232 | Australia | |
| Mandy | Newby | M6P 1P6 | Canada | |
| Marc | Radomsky | 2034 | Australia | |
| Marc | Rubin | 08690-2152 | Usa | |
| Marc | Schoenberg | 48336 | United states | |
| Marcella | Norris | 2046 | Australia | |
| Marco | Dabala | 6151 | Australia | |
| Mardi | Mcneil | 4017 | Australia | |
| Margaret | Silver | 32233 | Usa | |
| Margaret | Guthrie | 2134 | Australia | |
| Margaret | Houlihan | none | Ireland | |
| Margaret | Hardy | 4070 | Australia | |
| Margaret | Graves | 4740 | Australia | |
| Margaret | Harlow | 4214 | Australia | |
| Margaret | Skeel | 2460 | Australia | |
| Margaret | Morton | CA14 1YH | United kingdom | |
| Margaret | Yates | 2316 | Australia | |
| Margit | Nezold | 4702 | Australia | |
| Margot | Loerky | 34074 | Italy | |
| Maria | Choratta | 2057 | Cyprus | |
| Maria | Vlanti | 10680 | Greece | |
| Maria | Bennink | 75019 Paris | France | |
| Maria | Coviello | 3056 | Australia | |
| Maria | Ingenito | 1159 | Argentina | |
| Maria | Mccormack | 3777 | Australia | |

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| Maria | Montgomery | w23uy | Uk | |
| Maria | Papadopoulou | 10678 | Greece | |
| Maria-luisa | Mateus | 80634 | Germany | |
| Marian | Hussenbux | CH495LS | Britain | |
| Mariangela | Monterisi | 70052 | Italy | |
| Marianne | Caffka | D74245 | Germany | |
| Marie | Dutto | 67905201 | United states | |
| Marie | Mandano | 10304 | United states | |
| Marie | Perthuisot | 83130 | France | |
| Marie | Barra | 2156 | Australia | |
| Marilyn | Smith | 2118 | Australia | |
| Marilyn | Martin | 20852 | United States of America | |
| Marilyn | Shrapnel | 4553 | Australia | |
| Mario alexand | Wyrwich | 33378 | Germany | |
| Marion | Kavanagh | 3956 | Australia | |
| Marisa | Barkhoff | 82256 | Germany | |
| Mark | Mccartney | 3067 | Australia | |
| Mark | Carey-smith | 4507 | Australia | |
| Mark | Aird | 4208 | Australia | |
| Mark | Killip | 4573 | Australia | |
| Mark | Cachia | 2121 | Australia | |
| Mark | Quinn | 1415 | Australia | |
| Mark | Simpson | 4670 | Australia | |
| Markus | Egli | 3032 | Australia | |
| Marleen | Geudens | 2260 | Belgium | |
| Marleen | Paulus | 3320 | Belgium | |
| Marta | Zamora | 8030 | Spain | |

We also need generous marine no fish sanctuaries to protect adequately the marine environment. Real evaluation needs to be undertaken to assess the areas needed to protect migratory marine species.
As apex predators, sharks are essential to a normal, healthy marine environment. Numerous serious detrimental and possibly catastrophic effects result from removing these necessary inhabitants of a healthy ecosystem.

Actions to protect species that are at risk must always be supported by thorough research, adequate funding and supporting legislation. Time and again we see the survival prospects of species at risk compromised by political pressure from vested economic interests. Real conservation efforts must be put in place with the survival of sharks in Australian waters as first priority.
Please protect these beings!

Sharks are vital to our ecology and sustainability of our oceans. They are also a huge tourist attraction, and have the potential to be more popular in the future.

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| Marta | Nieczyporuk | 3186 | Australia | |
| Marta | Tommasini | 40016 | Italia | |
| Martha | Leahy | 1890 | Usa | |
| Martin | Brocklehurst | 6012 | Australia | Australia wishes to attract tourists and support the tourist industry. Shark finning is barbaric and it completely at odds with a thriving tourist industry. |
| Martin | Engel | 64291 | Germany | |
| Martina | Grabner | NSW 2096 | Australia | |
| Martina | Fuchsberger | 3145 | Australia | |
| Martyn | Bassett | cr4 2jq | United kingdom | |
| Mary | Williams | 84115 | Usa | |
| Mary | Alexander | 23060-3569 | Usa | |
| Mary | Paton | 812 | Australia | |
| Mary | Foley | 0 | Ireland | |
| Mary | Rausch | 98087-2437 | Usa | We need sharks in our oceans. |
| Mary | Roam | 78254 | United states | THESE FISH ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF A STRONG MARINE ECO SYSTEM. THEY SHOULD BE PROTECT FOR THIS REASON ALONE. THEY ARE ALSO SOME OF THE OLDEST OF GOD'S CREATURES ON THIS PLANET. IF HE IS IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING HIS CREATION (AND IT HINK HE IS) THEN WE SHOULD FOLLOW SUIT. |
| Maryke | Petruzzi | 10960 | United states | |
| Marzia | Falcone | 90144 | Italy | |
| Mat | Leonard | 4170 | Australia | I cannot believe this is still going on - stop it, no-one supports it bar a few vested interests and fisheries. |
| Mateus | Baronio | 2478 | Australia | |
| Matt | Crawford | 6104 | Australia | |
| Matt | Preston | 4564 | Australia | |
| Matt | Bruin | 2101 | Australia | |
| Matthew | Heard | 5070 | Australia | |
| Matthew | Le meur | 6154 | Australia | Australia should be leading the world in marine life conservation. With countries such as Honduras and the Bahamas banning the killing of sharks its about time Australia woke up and took a global lead by protecting ALL sharks and their necessary habitats with the same protection of great whites. |
| Matthew | Evans | pl329uw | Gb | |
| Matthew | Briggs | 2031 | Australia | |
| Matthew | Smith | 2290 | Australia | |
| Matthias | Regner | 2602 | Australia | |

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| Maurice | Costa | 4120 | Belgium | |
| Max | Quijano | M6K 3B9 | Canada | |
| Max | Johnston | 2080 | Australia | |
| Maxine | Hawkins | 3129 | Australia | |
| Mecke | Ernst | FIN-00150 | Finland | |
| Megan | Spinell | 12189 | United states | |
| Megan | Price | 3054 | Australia | |
| Megumi | Watanabe | 2481 | Australia | |
| Meher | Toorkey | NW6 !AJ | United kingdom | |
| Melanie | Kirchmeyer | 74385 | Germany | |
| Melanie | Shires | 2008 | Australia | |
| Melanie | Andrus | 92320 | United states | |
| Melissa | Danks | 2069 | Australia | |
| Melissa | Creed | 4101 | Australia | |
| Mellissa | Mackellar | 4169 | Australia | |
| Merrilyn | Dorn | 6330 | Australia | |
| Merry | Pearson | 2101 | Australia | |
| Mervi | Rantala | 33310 | Finland | |
| Mia | Forrest | 4101 | Australia | check out www.oceanacidification.net |
| Mia | Stone | 4870 | Australia | Healthy oceans are priceless. Do everything in your power to protect them. |
| Michael | Bunney | 4103 | Australia | |
| Michael | Ranger | N5Y-4K5 | Canada | |
| Michael | George | 22949 | Germany | |
| Michael | Linden | 2478 | Australia | |
| Michael | Roet | 3121 | Australia | How can the Australian Government not recognise the importance of the oceans apex predator in our rapidly deteriorating marine environments and why shark sanctuaries are critical to their future....unless Australia really is the only third world country where you can drink the tap water as so many of the Governments decisions appear to confirm that it is. |
| Michael | Brown | 2071 | Australia | |
| Michael | Carney | 8078 | United states | |
| Michael | Easton | 94102 | United states | |
| Michael | Cebon | 3057 | Australia | |

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| Michael | Sobtzick | 15377 | Germany |
| Michael | Howes | 3032 | Australia |
| Michael | Sebastian | 2282 | Australia |
| Michael | Mardel | 3046 | Australia |
| Michael | Neuhaus | 6020 | Austria |
| Michael | Johnson | 6156 | Australia |
| Michael | Gerken | 11901 | United states |
| Michael | Lawrence | 34288 | Usa |
| Michael kingsland | Kingsland | 2602 | Australia |
| Michael W | Evans | 90034-6888 | Usa |
| Michaela | Purcell | 2611 | Australia |
| Michela | Rebuli | N5W1M5 | Canada |
| Michele | Stagoll | 3000 | Australia |
| Michele | Stagoll | 3000 | Australia |
| Michele | Calvert-branch | 2758 | Australia |
| Michele | Dodd | 2040 | Australia |
| Micheline | Platz | 4101 | Australia |
| Michelle | Camfferman | 6052 | Australia |
| Michelle | Lopez | 2040 | Australia |
| Michelle | Waters | 95033 | U.s.a. |
| Michelle | Sinclair | 4571 | Australia |
| Michelle | Pilato | 2761 | Australia |
| Michelle | Kerrison | 5019 | Australia |

From my point of view Australia has been a shining example in question of protection of the marine life. Please take the chance to be it also for your shark population !
Sharks are a vital species in maintaining the health of the sea and other marine species. Please give them proper protection as a number of other countries are doing.

The waters surrounding Australia are amongst the richest marine environments in the world. Without the proper pecking order (the big fish eat the little fish), this system will eventually collapse. Shark products, particularly shark finning, is one of the most wasteful and shameful uses of a primary resource.
Both in terms of sustainable marine resources as well as tourism money, it is very important to maintain the integrity of your marine world. This legislation is essential to maintain your position as a leader in marine conservation.
Michael Lawrence

I'm writing from America because the situation for sharks worldwide is alarming, and because they are an important factor in ocean health, which affects all of us. We must get this right now because it will be too late if our shark species disappear. It's your responsibility to listen to the experts and do the right thing by the sharks and our global environment. Please protect sharks for all our sakes.

The government needs to ensure a real plan of action that will safeguard the future of our sharks.

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| Michelle | Redman | 3777 | Australia | the ocean and it's inhabitants is a limited resource.Please think about saving what we have left |
| Michelle | Wilson | 4220 | Australia | |
| Michelle | Ooi | 4343 | Australia | |
| Michelle | Mitchell | 2444 | Australia | |
| Mickael | Ball | 4870 | Australia | |
| Miguel | Nunes | 2039 | Australia | |
| Mike | Adamson | 5047 | Australia | |
| Mike | Davey | 2450 | Australia | |
| Mike | Meadowcroft | np75tn | Uk | |
| Mike | Strickland | s0k 4w0 | Canada | |
| Mikki | Aronoff | 87108 | Usa | |
| Miriam noemi | Ivaldi | 1824 | Argentina | |
| Monica | Biondo | 3204 RosshÃusem | Switzerland | |
| Monica | Mole | 1055TB | The netherlands | |
| Monica | Russo | 80058 | Italia | |
| Monica | Moore | 4005 | Australia | |
| Monika | Neff | 61191 | Germany | |
| Monika | Jurka | 32-600 | Oswiecim | |
| Monique | Waitzer | 4220 | Australia | |
| Monte | Pollard | 2250 | Australia | It is absolutely wrong that we can have fishing professionals remove whole populations of shark as we have seen in the Solitary Islands area. Please protect the seas and the sharks! Do it right NOW |
| Morag | Mcgregor | 4006 | Australia | |
| Morna | Halparin | R3T 4K4 | Canada | |
| Mostyn | Hanger | 4510 | Australia | |
| Mourier | Johann | 69660 | France | Sharks and rays are already very much under pressure trough overfishing/bycatch (as well as as targets for their fins. Please insure the long-term conservation trough good and effective legislation! Thank you Monica Biondo www.galuchat.ch - say no to ray and shark leather! |
| | | | | It's a disgrace that sharks do not have the same protection and consideration as our cattle and whales. Is our Government speaking with fork tongue - again? For goodness sake make finning illegal. I wonder how we would feel without our arms and legs! Think about it. |
| | | | | As a shark scientist, I studied shark behaviour and population structure. These studies has revealed that shark populations have highlighthed the high degree of vulnerability of shark population even in reelatively pristine locations. We need a real conservation plan to help maintaining healthy shark population worldwide in order to keep an ocean balance. |

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| Mr. & mrs. Andrew & antonia | Chianis | 92317 | United states | <p>As australians with a unique environment we should do whatever it takes to protect our fishes and reefs as well as our animals.economics is not the most inportant thing!</p> <p>STOP THE GREED, STOP EATING ANY WATER LIFE, STOP THE KILLING OF ANY WATER LIFE IMMEDIATELY!!!!</p> <p>These beings are being mutilated at our expense for silly reasons. We are the most primitive beings on this planet lets change that.</p> <p>the killing of sharks for fins is wasteful and harmful to our total natual enviroment. Please stop this inhumane act.</p> <p>Come on, stand up to the fishing community for once and put something in place that really will help to save these amazing creatures - before it's too late!</p> |
| Mr. Michael C. Ford and | Dr. Richard B. Marks | 95076 | Usa | |
| Murray | Fuller | 2214 | Australia | |
| Murry | Cohen | 22003 | Usa | |
| Myles | Griffiths | 7004 | Aust. | |
| Myriam | Vanstalle | 6880 | Belgium | |
| Nadia | Mclaren | 5069 | Australia | |
| Nadine | Chapman | 2537 | Australia | |
| Najette | Powell | 2095 | Australia | |
| Nancie | Sailor | 94024 | U.s.a. | |
| Nancy | Pearson | 34683-5443 | U.s.a. | |
| Nancy | Gregory | 80104 | Usa | |
| Nancy | Neumann | 55270 | Germany | |
| Nancy | Chismar | 8817 | Usa | |
| Naomi | Hamilton | 2028 | Australia | |
| Naomi | Simmons | 02911-1629 | United states | |
| Nardi | Cribb | 5045 | Australia | |
| Narelle | Huxley | 3058 | Australia | |
| Nat | Woolhouse | 6027 | Australia | |
| Natalia | Gould | 3057 | Australia | |
| Natalia | Sayanskaya | 187330 | Russia | |
| Natalie | Van leekwijck | 2100 | Belgium | |
| Natalie | Harris | 2227 | Australia | |
| Natalie | Kull | 2773 | Australia | |
| Natalie | Stackhouse | 2283 | Australia | |
| Natalie | Zaronias | 2170 | Australia | |
| Natalie A. | Carter | 43055 | United states | |
| Natasha | Carlier | 2250 | Australia | |

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| Nayeem | Aslam | 60181-1733 | United states | <p>its time we got it right with marine conservation and considered the creatures before the humans who appear to be intent on destroying them</p> <p>Both land and sea ecosystems are at risk from decline and extinction of species. Sharks are in rapid decline and are important to the health of the marine ecosystems. Please take serious, science-based action to protect them.</p> <p>I have regularly dived at fish rock. It has an abundance of sea life but the attraction is the grey nurse sharks. It is a real pity to see so many of the sharks with hooks or line line from their mouths or gills. Considering this is one of the biggest breeding grounds and critical habitats for grey nurse sharks it appals me that fishing can still be allowed. Lets use this site to build awareness of our underwater world and preserve an endangered species. Regards, Nicci Kershler</p> <p>I personally think that they should consider banning the sale of shark fin altogether and to strictly monitor the tourist interaction through licensed tours, who are themselves regularly checked, so as to ensure consistent adherence, through threat of licence removal. That way you take away the financial incentive to hunt sharks and are able to manage more appropriately the impact of tourism on the shark and ray population, through closely monitored interactions.</p> <p>Sharks are the gods of our oceans not the monsters portrayed through the mass media and movies. They are the only species to have remained unchanged over the last 450 million years and in doing so have thus affected the evolution of everything else. If we do not take drastic action to conserve protect and celebrate this beautiful eocsytem maintainer then the survival of the human species itself is at risk. We cannot play dice with biology and hope it will be all right it wont.</p> |
| Nayra | Garcãa | 38004 | Spain | |
| Neal | Saker | 4819 | Australia | |
| Neale | Blackwood | 6027 | Australia | |
| Neil | Denison | 2478 | Australia | |
| Neil | Campbell | 3984 | Australia | |
| Neil | Bissex | BS31 1HH | Uk | |
| Nele | Findlay | 5042 | Australia | |
| Nelly | Lopez | 11001000 | Colombia | |
| Nerida | Hames | 3094 | Australia | |
| Nerys | Mitchell | yo16 4hl | Uk | |
| Neville | Jackson | 2902 | Australia | |
| Niall | Mccarty | BT19 1DQ | N ireland | |
| Nicci | Kershler | 2100 | Australia | |
| Nicholas | Dufty | 6006 | Australia | |
| Nicholas | Carrington | NG34 0SE | Uk | |
| Nicholas | Thibeault | 90015-2069 | United states | |
| Nick | Herman | 2780 | Australia | |
| Nick | Blackman | 2537 | Australia | |

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| Nick | Watson | 5168 | Australia |
| Nick | Fletcher | 3230 | Australia |
| Nicky | Melville | 3953 | Australia |
| Nicolas | Altenhofen | 56626 | Germany |
| Nicolas | Caballero | 41700 | Spain |
| Nicole | Thompson | 90034 | Usa |
| Nicole | Walsh | 7250 | Australia |
| Nicole | Cranston | 834 | Australia |
| Nicole | Weber | 21122 | Usa |
| Nicole | Luhrs | 2777 | Australia |
| Nicole | Buhl | 4218 | Australia |
| Nicolette | Ludolphi | 28239 | Germany |
| Nádia | Rocha | 12345 | Portugal |
| Nikki | Boys | 6232 | Australia |
| Nikola | Borisov | 3700 | Bulgaria |
| Nishanth | Krishnamurthy | 32308 | United states |
| Olga | Zaric | H3N 1A9 | Canada |
| Oliver | Brunt | 2094 | Australia |
| Olivia | Seynaeve | 840000 | Belgium |

Already 100 million sharks every year are taken from the oceans to have their fins removed only to be dumped back over the side to drown on the sea floor - all for a bowl of soup. 90% of them are gone. Do you not read the papers. Do you not listen to scientists. Do you not want a future for your children and their children. Look after sharks and they will look after our marine eco system as long as we curb overfishing and establish marine sanctuaries also. The time to act is NOW make your nation proud of its politicians once more. please. I am a school teacher. My students seem to be more aware of what is happening in the oceans of the world today than any politician I have seen on the telly. Act now please.

Sharks are vitally important to the balance of the ecosystem of the ocean. There would be dangerous repercussions if these creatures are allowed to deplete in numbers. This is quite apart from the cruelty involved in the disgusting shark fin industry. Please act now before it is too late and the damage is done! It would be a shame if Australia left her course of (by comparison) good shark conservation. Since sharks are necessary to sustain intact reef structures they are vital for the greatest attraction Australia has to offer to divers like hence a proper shark conservation law and funding are in line with economic interests

SAVE OUR SHARKS!!

Sharks are the top order predators in our oceans. They help maintain the health of our oceans. I stopped eating flake three years ago and never intend to eat it again. Please protect our sharks before it's too late.

Sharks are umbrella species - if we protect them then we protect so many more species, therefore through one action we help many.

Please make shark finning illegal. What a horrific and barbaric way to exploit this creature by finning it for soup.

Stop this massacre of sharks in our waters! PLEASE! It is wrong.

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| Olivier | Kancel | 97100 | France | <p>I have been diving for 16 years and have seen first-hand how marine life is disappearing from the oceans. The way that sharks are being hunted to extinction is not only a moral outrage, but also potentially disastrous in that an essential component of the sea's ecosystem is being taken away, affecting all its other forms of life. Australia should have no hesitation in taking the lead in protecting sharks from their predators.</p> |
| Omar | Ameer | 4059 | Australia | |
| Ometh | Layton | 11001000 | Colombia | |
| Owen | Hilton | 2093 | Australia | |
| P | Scoville | 7421 | United states | |
| Paloma | Van Zyl | 2095 | Australia | |
| Pam | Goodwin | 4310 | Australia | |
| Pam | Elliott | 7162 | Australia | |
| Pam | Ison | 4121 | Australia | |
| Pamela | Vouroscllahan | 46530 | United states | |
| Pamela | Hoidge | 6118 | Usa | <p>Our environment is a priority. Please take the threats to our existence seriously. be brave and act now.</p> <p>Although I am sure many will think this too radical I would like to see the abolition of shark netting the beaches added to this. As an old lady who has been concerned about our impinging on our natural environment for most of her life I am appalled that we are bringing sharks who have an important place ion the marine ecosystem to extinction.</p> |
| Pamela | Dodd | 2253 | Australia | |
| Pandora | Edmonston | 95338 | Usa | |
| Parvez | Zuberi | 74000 | Pakistan | |
| Pat | Armstrong | LL56 4NQ | Uk | |
| Pat | Saunders | 4551 | Australia | |
| Pat | Mimeau | 94131 | Us | |
| Pat | Savage | 4553 | Australia | |
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Sharks are a VITAL part of the ecosystem - without them there are horrendous consequences - off California there are monster floods of Humboldt squid eating all the fish, and off Japan there are monster blooms of jellyfish doing untold damage to fishstocks and the ecosystem as a whole. We may not find them beautiful - but they are vital and need protecting if you want to protect people's food supply, recreation and vital tourism.
Please act now, before it is too late!

The world has NO idea the repercussions of depleting the various shark populations - these are our important predators of the water that regulate the algae and plankton dwellers.....without regulation of these, the algae/plankton vital for oxygen production for the planet will be diminished as well.....and then what? Marine biologists have no idea what will happen.....the system is on the verge of implode and we can stop it in a movement of solidarity.

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| Patricia | Julien | 4751 | Australia | <p>Not good enough, we need to protect our wildlife and in this case our sharks, we can't let them go and do little or nothing to prevent it. Let's take a closer look to our laws please and let's take action now before it is too late, we need them in the oceans for a healthier ecosystem.</p> <p>Our marine parks and sanctuaries are vital to preserving the future of marine life throughout Australian waters. Protect and ensure the safety of our very special marine species and keep their numbers on the increase with undisturbed habitats and unlawful hunting.</p> <p>Please legislate to stop this senseless abuse and destruction of this critical and essential marine species. I can't imagine the suffering that these poor sharks go through when they have their fins cut off and are left to die in the seas.</p> <p>Sharks are the best barometer we have as to the health of the ocean, not to mention a truly iconic range of species that capture human imagination. An ocean without sharks due to human mismanagement would be a travesty</p> <p>Getting the shark protection right will make for more sustainable fish yields. With no sharks, fish don't stand a chance! Australia needs shark sanctuaries. If our sharks die, the oceans will die too !</p> |
| Patricia | Vazquez | 15900 | México | |
| Patricia | Dietrich | 67400 | France | |
| Patricia | Milthorpe | 95603 | Usa | |
| Patricia | Meldrum | 4160 | Australia | |
| Patricia | Douchet | 59250 | France | |
| Patricia | Durnin | 4160 | Australia | |
| Patricia | Phillips | 44240 | Usa | |
| Patrick | Coyle | 2010 | Australia | |
| Patrick | Williamson | 4121 | Australia | |
| Patrick | Kindler | 2119 | Australia | |
| Patrick | Burroughs | 3101 | Australia | |
| Paul | Cook | 2250 | Australia | |
| Paul | Evans | 3136 | Australia | |
| Paul | Goddard | 3067 | Australia | |
| Paul | Cooke | 5234 | Australia | |
| Paul | May | 4037 | Australia | |
| Paul | Donaldson | 3000 | Australia | |
| Paul | Haran | 2100 | Australia | |
| Paul | Gilhooley | wa8 4nr | United kingdom | |
| Paul | Hellier | 2505 | Australia | |
| Paul | Walden | 4870 | Australia | |
| Paul | Whyte | 2110 | Australia | |
| Paul | Krattiger | 2153 | Australia | |
| Paul | Bartram | DA8 1LU | Uk | |
| Paul | Harrison | 6008 | Australia | |

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| Paul | Sutton | cf644tp | Uk |
| Paul | Sinacore | 91042-3023 | United states |
| Paula | Rooney | 3691 | Australia |
| Paula | Brown | 2042 | Australia |
| Paula | Masselos | 2024 | Australia |
| Paula | Bradly | 2260 | Australia |
| Paulette | Begon | 10830 | Belgium |
| Paulette | Oldfield | 4128 | Australia |
| Pauline | Cragan | 6180 | Australia |
| Pauline | Scott | SW17 0QQ | Uk |
| Paulo | Carmo | 2615 | Portugal |
| Paulo | Rocha | 4450 | Portugal |
| Penelope | Newton | 3065 | Australia |
| Penni | Norman | 50315 | United states |
| Pennie | Jagiello | 3073 | Australia |
| Penny | Richards | 4171 | Australia |
| Perla | Acorn | v0r 116 | Canada |
| Peta | Atkins | 2481 | Australia |
| Pete | Wright | 4000 | Aus |
| Peter | Zinn | 2023 | Australia |
| Peter | Young | 4213 | Australia |
| Peter | Smith | 4819 | Australia |
| Peter | Ainsworth | 2321 | Australia |
| Peter | Bartrip | 4840 | Australia |
| Peter | Christen | 2602 | Australia |
| Peter | Collins | EC2R 8AY | Uk |
| Peter | Faux | 3500 | Austria |

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Sure, sharks are not generally looked upon as cute or cuddly but neither are the spineless who have the power to enforce plan 2... we could chop the arms and legs off the decision makers...it will make pushing pencils for a living a bit hard. Jump in and act now before its too late.

The live on the ocean is vital for our survivor Shark are part of nature jut like us Take action Today. for us for the Planet.
Please protect our marine wildlife

the placing of baited shark drums by the DPI needs to stop also, this needless slaughter of sharks serves no purpose . It attracts larger sharks closer inshore The re-action to the live cattle issue astounded me. Why are people so horrified that cows get traumatised in another country when marine life is treated much worse in our own. Its the equivalent of gaffing a cow through the head and dragging it across the paddock and half drowning it in the dam etc until it dies.....and killing half the little 'non-target' reptiles and marsupials along the way.

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| Peter | Owen | 5001 | Australia | <p>Act now to save our sharks, or ruin the oceans and the planet forever!</p> <p>The action requested by AMCS seems to be the minimum basic requirement for a government not influenced by hardened fisherman who have little care for the sharks. There are many similarities to the beef industry where lack of accountability and clear rules enforced by government left it open for abuse by hardened uncaring workers in the field as it were.</p> <p>As a recreational diver, visiting shark sites is a definite bonus and huge tourist drawcard. Appreciating their natural beauty is also of great importance and respecting their right to exist where they have for hundreds of millions of years. Pay some respect to these diverse and magnificent creatures.</p> <p>Please seriously consider the recommendations made above!</p> <p>Sharks are amazing creatures but more importantly they play a crucial role in the marine ecosystem as top predators. We must stop the disgusting exploitation of sharks in the shark fin trade and protect sharks in Australia and the rest of the world!</p> |
| Peter | Marsh | 2516 | Australia | |
| Peter | Zaronias | 2173 | Australia | |
| Peter | Howard | 2025 | Australia | |
| Peter | Tung | 2122 | Australia | |
| Peter | Blackburn | 5118 | Australia | |
| Peter | Faure | txn 1703 | Malta | |
| Peter | Garnett | 4500 | Australia | |
| Peter | Smedley | 4011 | Australia | |
| Petrina | Maizey | 4207 | Australia | |
| Phil | Donovan | 2043 | Australia | |
| Phil | Doring | 6158 | Australia | |
| Philip | Trezise | 4311 | Australia | |
| Philip | Davison | 3121 | Australia | |
| Philip | Curd | 2257 | Australia | |
| Philip | Dubarov | 8000 | Bulgaria | |
| Philip | Griffin | 5006 | Australia | |
| Philip | Tubb | 3072 | Australia | |
| Philippa | Dean | 5162 | Australia | |
| Phillip J | Crabill | 75077 | Usa | |
| Phoenix | Lawhon isler | 7250 | Australia | |
| Phyl | Morello | 37890 | Usa | |
| Phyllis | Krystal | 99301 | United states | |
| Phyllis | Mollen | 10024 | Usa | |
| Pia | Mustonen | 33200 | Finland | |
| Piet | Van Gils | 2566 GD | Netherlands | |

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| Poignon | Aurelie | 54000 | France |
| Priscilla | Gallou | 28100 | France |
| Quentin | Carter | 4556 | Australia |
| Quinten | Stevens | 32216 | United states |
| Rachael | Harrington | 3156 | Australia |
| Rachael | Stockham | 2114 | Australia |
| Rachel | Jay | 3206 | Australia |
| Rachel | Stensmyr | 2037 | Australia |
| Rachel | Rigg | LA1 4TL | Uk |
| Rachel | Pointon-reid | 4502 | Australia |
| Rachel | Murphy | NW10 5TB | Uk |
| Rachel | Cassidy | 4170 | Australia |
| Radostina | Dubarova | 8000 | Bulgaria |
| Rae | Merrigan | 3151 | Australia |
| Rae | Koster | 5451 | Australia |
| Rahul | Parekh | 360002 | India |
| Raimund | Illek | 8041 | Austria |
| Ralph | Famularo | 590-0403 | Japan |
| Ravyna | Jassani | 47810 | Malaysia |
| Ray | Ison | 4121 | Australia |
| Ray | Maher | 4005 | Australia |
| Raymond | Shaw | 92335 | Usa |
| Raymond | Nash | 21157-5226 | Usa |

Come on Tony lets get real - shark finning has just been banned in Chilean waters and shark fisheries have just been closed in the Bahamas to protect endangered sharks. Let's catch up to the rest of the world - besides the practice of cutting fins off these magnificent predators and then tossing them back to drown in the waters they previously roamed is THE most obscene thing that I have EVER heard of. SHAME!

It is sad to see a beautiful animal be exploited in such a mindless way. Australians need to be more aware of the fish they are eating and where it comes from. Our fondness for flake needs to be reassessed considering there is no sustainable way to fish these creatures. I urge the Australian government to protect our waters and marine life.

Anything to Save our Sharks :)
 Love Sharks. Love Oceans. Love Ourselves!
 Why is my government still allowing shark harveting, including loss of sharks as by-catch of netting including prawn harvesting?
 And especially, why is the barbaric and cruel practice of shark finning allowed?
 As one of the wealthiest nations on earth(per capita) and with huge stretches of ocean under our stewardship, it is our responsibility to look after the sharks, and keep the ocean healthy.

Keep up the pressure to help the sharks.

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| Raymond | Kennedy | 2784 | Australia | <p>Whats it going to take? It's been an Victorian tradition to ask for flake and chips, but it's time to stop. Conservation of shark populations in Australian waters needs to take priority. There are enough fish species that are not at risk (yet) to satisfy demand. Make sure that policy and practice in Australia at least meets, and even better, sets international best practice. Impact on fishing industry participants can be managed - Australia is a rich country by international standards and can afford to give a helping hand to workers and owners disadvantaged by industry restructuring.</p> <p>Come on folks, this is the year 2011, haven't we all woken up to the fact that we need to care for our planet? You may think jobs are important but tell that to your grandchildren in 20 years - you won't be able to because of your shame. If you're not cut out for leadership then get out and let someone who has the integrity do the job. Thanks, Ric</p> <p>Please show some real leadership and protect sharks in our waters. It may be easier to let the argument of jobs sway you somewhat but in fifty years you tell your children that - that you chose not to protect these species. The truth is you won't be able to because the public will be incredulous that it wasn't done. Thanks for your time</p> <p>Please leave Sharks alone...They are essential to the balance of our oceans!!!!</p> <p>I urge you to strongly protect sharks as important top order predators for the health of our marine environment and the benefit of future generations. I am keen diver that emigrated to Australia in large part because of my love of the topside and underwater environment so unique to Australia. Please protect these amazing animals so key to healthy oceans and sustainable tourism.</p> |
| Rebecca | Schubert | 4051 | Australia | |
| Rebecca | Richardson | 8023 | New zealand | |
| Rebecca | Huntley | 4034 | Australia | |
| Rebecca | Tauer | 2210 | Australia | |
| Rebecca | Hoeschler | 90245 | Usa | |
| Rebeccsa | Buchanan | 3223 | Australia | |
| Reece | Hall | 4011 | Australia | |
| Reg | Tydell | 3013 | Australia | |
| Regina | Dickerson | 35775 | Usa | |
| Reinhard | Kikinger | A-3541 | Austria | |
| Rhia | Stanger | 6163 | Australia | |
| Rhona | Hewitson | CA14 4LN | United kingdom | |
| Ric | Gleadell | 6160 | Australia | |
| Ric | Gleadell | 6160 | Australia | |
| Rich | Russom | 60156 | United states | |
| Rich | Ryan | 87105 | Usa | |
| Rich | Husband | 90439 | Germany | |
| Richard | Hayward | PL8 2NY | Uk | |
| Richard | Hughes | 3053 | Australia | |
| Richard | Pearse | 4005 | Australia | |

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| Richard | Brandes | 90292 | United states | |
| Richard | Young | 4170 | Australia | |
| Richard | Stanford | 2283 | Australia | |
| Richard | Lane | 3310 | Australia | |
| Richard | Stewart | 3000 | Australia | |
| Richard | Camp | 65197 | Deutschland | |
| Richard | Rheder | 12498 | U.s. a. | |
| Ricki | Coughlan | 2230 | Australia | |
| Rita | Uljee | 3068jb | The netherlands | please do the right thing for your sharks and give them your protection. |
| Rita | Kerkhofs | 2960 | Belgium | |
| Rivqa | Berger | 2023 | Australia | |
| Rob | Thorn | 6258 | Australia | |
| Rob | Tedds | LE5 1NG | England | |
| Rob | Collins | 4575 | Australia | |
| Rob | Seltzer | 90265 | Usa | |
| Rob | Stockstill | 92203 | Usa | |
| Robert | Mcveigh | 3141 | Australia | |
| Robert | Seyb | 3130 | Australia | |
| Robert | Claessen | 6014 | Australia | |
| Robert | Page | 2042 | Australia | |
| Robert | Rosewarne | 5211 | Australia | |
| Robert | Opazo | 2135 | Australia | |
| Robert | Forbes | 6156 | Australia | |
| Robert | Hamilton-bruce | SA | Australia | AS Collection Manager for molluscs in Marine Invertebrates at the South Australian Museum, I can only give my full support to CSIRO/AFMA in their endeavours to try to save sharks. |
| Robert | Lawrence | 5038 | Australia | |
| Robert | Skappel | NSW 2023 | Australia | |
| Robert | Strebeck | 76039 | Usa | |
| Robert | Colborn | 33755 | United states | |
| Robert glenn | Mapstone | 2230 | Australia | |
| Roberta | Lopes | Dublin 1 | Ireland | |

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| Robin | Chown | m5a1k5 | Canada | |
| Robyn | Kaczmarek | 2106 | Australia | |
| Robyn | Logan | 2096 | Australia | |
| Robyn | Pryor | 6107 | Australia | |
| Robynne | Millward | 2095 | Australia | |
| Rochelle | Tolleson | 2539 | Australia | Please ensure that sharks are protected in our oceans. |
| Rocio | Salazar | 11001000 | Colombia | |
| Rod | Withyman | 4565 | Australia | Get rid of all shark meshing methods off Australian coastal beaches. The impacts of these nets far outweigh any benefit to the public. Thousands of other marine animals like dolphins, whales, rays, turtles as well as sharks drown in these nets needlessly every year. |
| Rod | Mead | 2902 | Australia | |
| Rodolfo | Sarmiento | 38002 | España | |
| Roge | Kempe | 6707 | Australia | please look after the sharks. They are not only beautiful but so important to keep healthy Eco systems. Being lucky enough to live in Exmouth WA, I know and understand the importance of sharks for our NINGALOO Reef, Australia's newest World Heritage listed area. |
| Roger | Vick | LD6 5PN | Wales | |
| Roland | Gärtner | 55758 | Germany | |
| Roland | Paret | 42100 | France | |
| Rolf | Venekamp | 1333tc | Netherlands | |
| Rolf | Stuber | 8708 | Switzerland | |
| Ron | Silver | 32233 | Usa | |
| Ros | Mackinlay | 6162 | Australia | |
| Rosalia | Casals | 8980 | Spain | |
| Rosalie | Hawk | Ox2 9QT | England UK | |
| Rosalie | Rose | 2035 | Australia | |
| Rosamund | Downing | 6379 | Usa | Once these animals are gone, it will be too late. Protect them now! |
| Rose | Chapman | 2460 | Australia | |
| Rosemarie | Sardinas herrera | 0 | Netherlands antilles | |
| Ross | Dyson | 2913 | Australia | Shark finning is cruel and largely unsustainable. Shark fishing must be controlled sensibly. Rare species & aggregation areas should be protected. |
| Ross | Anderson | 6162 | Australia | Shark finning should be banned and sharks should be managed the same way as any other fishery. Please ensure the Shark Plan 2 is a marked improvement over Shark Plan 1 and not a retrograde step that endangers sharks, and well managed shark fisheries. |

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| Ross | Hill | 2031 | Australia | <p>This government has been gutless with regard to the emissions trading scheme, pathetic with regard to the home insulation schmozzle, now spineless in regard to conservation. I am ashamed to be an Australian when my government is more concerned with opinion polls than my children,s future.</p> <p>The children of tomorrow deserve the joys of our present.</p> <p>Sharks do not have the positive image that our top land predators, such as the tasmanian devil, benefit from. But they are just as important in our Australian marine ecosystems, and they need proper protection. God holds us accountable for how we treat animals! You can do all the wrong you want, but don't forget that when the time come when you are DYING, you can not ask God to forgive you for all the Cruelty that you have inflicted on his Creation because he will NOT listen!</p> <p>I am a shark biologist based in Perth. I am completely shocked at the total disregard for shark conservation in Australia. 2011 has been a year of triumphs for shark conservation around the world inc. Hawaii, Guam, the Bahamas, California, Washington and more and yet Australia still has its head buried in the sand. Sharks are incredibly important to maintaining the balance of ecosystems in the Ocean and thus help to keep our fish stocks healthy. Support Our Sharks and you support the whole ocean.</p> |
| Ross | Prado | 38000 | Santiago | |
| Ross | Reynell | 2454 | Australia | |
| Roswitha | GÄ¶ttert | 55758 | Germany | |
| Rowan | Hayward | 820 | Australia | |
| Rowan | Silva | 4870 | Australia | |
| Royce | Levi | 2117 | Australia | |
| Rumyana | Dubarova | 8000 | Bulgaria | |
| Russell | Byron | 2148 | Australia | |
| Ruth | Koger | 59802 | Usa | |
| Ruth | Howard | 8001 | South africa | |
| Ruth | Beslee | 6410 | France | |
| Ruth | Vickery | 4179 | Australia | |
| Ruth | Barrett | 3149 | Australia | |
| Ruth | Serra | 33764 | Usa | |
| Ryan | Fritsch | 4505 | Australia | |
| Ryan | Kempster | 6008 | Australia | |
| S | Healy | 30277 | Usa | |
| S | Hillary | 90004 | United states | |
| Sabine | Obmann | 64846 | Germany | |
| Sabine | Yenen | 34710 | Turkey | |
| Sabine | Magdalinski | 40721 | Germany | |
| Sabrina | BÄ¶ning | 27753 Delmenhorst | Germany | |

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| Sabrina | McNinch | 92104 | United states | |
| Sally | Clifton-parks | 6280 | Australia | |
| Sally | Giles | 11366 | United states | |
| Sally | Purbrick-illek | 4212 | Australia | |
| Sam | Beckman | 7250 | Australia | |
| Sam | Pitman | 4208 | Australia | |
| Sam | Edmonds | 2103 | Australia | |
| Sam | Telford | 6010 | Australia | |
| Sam | Thomas | 9642 | New zealand | |
| Sam | Ward | kt13 0lz | Uk | SAVE SHARKS |
| Samantha | Strettle | 3184 | Australia | |
| Samantha | Glasgow | 3065 | Australia | |
| Samantha | Blake | 5007 | Australia | |
| Samantha | Harper | 4558 | Australia | |
| Samantha | Raftery | v8m 2c1 | Canada | Ever occur to you why some of us can be this much concerned with animals suffering? Because government is not. Why not? Animals don't vote. ~Paul Harvey I am disgusted and appalled at the way governments believe that they can treat other species. these are living, sentient creatures who want only to be left alone to live out their lives. our dominating, bullying behaviour towards our non-human brethren is outrageous. When the sharks are extinct, you will stand responsible unless you act now |
| Sammarye | Lewis | 95159 | Usa | |
| Samuel | Halsey | 32065 | United states | |
| Sandra | Dos Santos | 21228 | United states | |
| Sandra | Lawson | 4156 | Australia | |
| Sandra | Laight | 2204 | Australia | |
| Sandra | Arapoudis | 85100 | Greece | sharks are needed for our eco system and if they are not protected,then this will have a major impact on our oceans,this is important for our oceans to survive,otherwise we will not survive too |
| Sandra | Matei | 82604 | United states | |
| Sandra | Fox | 2032 | Australia | This type of action is long overdue. Australia should be a leader in marine conservation by undertaking these and more measures. Please protect our oceans and all the life in them, don't allow shark finning, it's absolutely disgusting what people do to our wildlife! We need sanctuaries, NOT extinction! |
| Sandra | Halsall | PR8 6RA | United kingdom | |
| Sandra | Harding | 4156 | Australia | |

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| Sandra | Rocha | 4250475 | Portugal | |
| Sandra | Arancini | 6050 | Australia | |
| Sandra | Priem | 9961 | Belgium | |
| Sandy | Shea | 81224 | Usa | As a Yank, I've visited Oz several times, usually to dive on the GBR. One of the reasons I come is to see sharks. Australia should step up its protection of sharks--or its marine conservation program will be locked back in the 1950's--along with its forest conservation program!! Get with the program--sharks are a keystone species, and their health is directly tied to the reef's overall viability going forward. Thank You for acting. |
| Sara | Wooden | 2710 | Australia | Please protect these amazing creatures. Our oceans need them. |
| Sara | Fontani | 50037 | Italy | |
| Sara | Shaw | 4819 | Australia | It's time to act now! |
| Sara | Johnston | 2131 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Marshall | 2028 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Hamilton | 13032-4224 | Usa | |
| Sarah | Jacob | 7163 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Nicol | GL5 1NB | England | Very, very important. |
| Sarah | Mckellar | 2525 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Howson | 4214 | Australia | Why be half cocked about this? Sharks are a huge part of the oceans eco system and deserve to be protected equally (if not more so) as much as dolphins and whales. |
| Sarah | Culverhouse | 4101 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Bishop | 2010 | Australia | As a young Australian I want to ensure that these beautiful and unique creatures are protected so that we can pass that stewardship of our oceans and their marine life onto future generations. |
| Sarah | Britton | xxxx | Hong kong | |
| Sarah | Perry | 3072 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Matthews | 3127 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Barber | 3031 | Australia | |
| Sarah | Stevens | 3058 | Australia | |
| Sarhn | Mcarthur | 2092 | Australia | |
| Scarla | Weeks | 4068 | Australia | |
| Scott | Gibson | 2577 | Australia | |
| Scott | Hunter | 2233 | Australia | |
| Scott | Gordon | 4101 | Australi | |

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| Scott | Hanrahan | 2008 | Australia | Sharks are apex predators and fundamentally important part of the ocean environment. Fishing for sharks for any reason is near-sighted and unsustainable. Worse still, fishing sharks solely for their fins is unethical, inhumane and indefensible. |
| Scott | Mcdonald | 7000 | Australia | |
| Scott | Korman | 11021 | United states | |
| Scott | Jewell | 2095 | Australia | |
| Scott | Wyatt | 2614 | Australia | |
| Scott | Butterfield | 2152 | Australia | |
| Sean | Guffey | 84525 | United States | |
| Sean | Corrigan | 4879 | Australia | |
| Sean | Capper | 2088 | Australia | |
| Sean | Prosser | 4502 | Australia | |
| Sean | Sears | 8081 | New zealand | We need to protect our sharks better along with educating the community better. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on the breeding grounds of all endangered sharks. |
| Seb | Clark | 4211 | Australia | |
| Sebastian | Goldhorn | 2011 | Australia | |
| Seim | Anne | 13100 | France | |
| Serena | Sabourin | 4343 | Australia | |
| Serene | Conneeley | 2043 | Australia | |
| Severine | Stockling | 13013 | France | |
| Shae | Costello | 4225 | Australia | |
| Shae | Foxcroft | 4070 | Australia | |
| Shane | Kirkland | 4000 | Australia | |
| Shane | Crooks | 2302 | Australia | The above listed suggestions are the very least that should be undertaken to protect some semblance of normality in the seas surrounding Australia. Having dived in other uncontrolled states in the Pacific I was horrified by the absence of pelagics, especially sharks. Technology and the sheer industrialisation of fishing leaves wholesale destruction in it's wake, unless areas are setup where some respite can be found. Stop with your banter and take some action. |
| | | | | Please save the sharks... |
| | | | | Current documented scientific research conducted in Australian waters does not suggest a rapid decline in several species of Shark, rather, it finds this accurately. With regard to & in consideration for a sustainable future of Australian Marine Ecosystems, a change in attitude & of mind is paramount at Government level. Such need is recognised not only by the well educated, not only Marine Professionals & Recreational Marine Users & not only School Students in project of such topic, too many ordinary citizens of Australian & International society are |

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| Shane | Jasiak | 2776 | Australia | <p>well aware of Shark demise & of the politics that have lead to such demise. Average society has become more aware than that of Ministerial level. Principles of duty of care must be principal to duty of care.</p> <p>The marine life protection law needs to be more watertight than what it is now to give sharks a fighting chance! In the California, we are locally fighting for a ban to end shark finning, we have a long way to go to make it a national policy, but it is sooo worth the fight. Australia, you are already there, you understand the urgency facing sharks around the world. Please keep the teeth in your shark protection plan, helping protect sharks, helps protect the ocean which is in desperate need of human help.</p> <p>Please look after our seas</p> <p>Having lobbied and gained some protection for Grey Nurse Sharks I am terribly disappointed that we have to go through the whole process again. Is it really so important to give a few fishers their thrills? Once they are extinct they aren't coming back.</p> <p>we have to stop treating marine life or any wildlife as if they are ours to do with as we please.</p> |
| Shannon | Hu | 23150 | Taiwan | |
| Shannon | Moore | 94952 | Usa | |
| Shannyn | Munroe | 4210 | Australia | |
| Shanti | Meera | 2570 | Australia | |
| Sharon | Davis | 33568 | Usa | |
| Sharon | Gillespie | 78703-4127 | Usa | |
| Sharon | Ray | 3850 | Australia | |
| Sharon | Bailey | 75081-5311 | Usa | |
| Sharon | Marks | 4178 | Australia | |
| Sharon | Hubbard | 2530 | Australia | |
| Sharron | Boyce | 4170 | Australia | |
| Sharyn | Shubert | 34103 | United states | |
| Shasjorne | Joblin | 4218 | Australia | |
| Shaun | Duggan | 3070 | Australia | |
| Shaun | Graham | 4122 | Australia | |
| Sheba & ilse | Schilk | 1010, Vlenna | Austria | |
| Sheila | Boulton | 3135 | Australia | |
| Shelley | Crail | 4152 | Australia | |
| Shelley | Mc morrow | 75002 | France | |
| Shelley | Breuseker | 2118 | Australia | |
| Shelly | Peterson | 98408 | United States of America | |
| Shelva | Wood | 75023-7218 | United states | |
| Sheree | Krass | 3199 | Australia | |

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| Sherry | Weiland | 2474 | Usa | |
| Sheryn | Pitman | 5052 | Australia | |
| Shumita | Joseph | 3068 | Australia | |
| Sieglinde | Dr. Dittmann | D-01279 Dresden | Germany | |
| Silvana | Ramin | 28069 | Italia | |
| Silver | Star | 2204 | Australia | Please be brave politicians and do what is right instead of earning corporate handshakes. Thank you. |
| Silvia | Bertano | 10129 | Italy | |
| Silvia | Ford | 2778 | Australia | |
| Simon | Baltais | 4159 | Australia | |
| Simon | Allen | 6150 | Australia | |
| Simon | Brealey | 5140 | Australia | Australia could be showing real leadership on shark-protection instead of being dragged kicking and screaming to this weak compromise that achieves nothing to protect our ecosystems. |
| Simon | Jones | 5152 | Australia | |
| Simon | Henry | 2096 | Australia | |
| Simon | Shave | 2088 | Australia | |
| Simon | Tapply | 2034 | Australia | |
| Simon | Campbell-thomson | 2482 | Australia | |
| Simone | Gareis | 99999 | Belize | |
| Simone | Dalgairns | 5048 | Australia | |
| Sinead | Magill | 4169 | Australia | |
| Sintiya | Pontaka | 2365 | Cyprus | |
| Siobhan | Paget | 6149 | Australia | You are heading in the right direction, but if you're going to improve the world for sharks you may as well do a proper job of it. I speak for the younger generation as I am only 13 myself and I hope that you make all of Australia proud not only of its wildlife but also of its government, knowing that it will do the right thing. Let US be the generation that cares enough to act? Please? |
| Skye | Mitchell | 2283 | Australia | |
| Sofia | Dukanovic | 80231 | Usa | |
| Sofia | Kotlyar | 80231 | Usa | |
| Sonia | Waddell | RG30 4TY | U.k. | The ecological health of our oceans depends on the shark population. |
| Sonia | Rego | KT13 8AD | United kingdom | |
| Sonja | Rowland | 65187 | Germany | |
| Sonnta | Simon | 78738 | Usa | |
| Sophie | Meiäyner | 13465 | Germany | |

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| Sophy | Millard | 2480 | Australia | |
| Sorin | Lisker | 97459 | Israel | |
| Stan | Black | 4217 | Australia | |
| Stavroula | Voutsiotis | j7v 9p7 | Canada | |
| Stef | Bartoli | 3116 | Australia | |
| Stefan | Tylleman | Sy8 1az | England | |
| Stefania | Russo | 80058 | Italia | |
| Stephanie | Watson | | | |
| Stephanie | Appleton | J2W 1L4 | Canada | |
| Stephanie | Mcdonald | 2065 | Australia | |
| Stephen | Cardwell | wa16 8le | United kingdom | |
| Stephen | Damko | 44130 | United States of America | |
| Stephen | Thomas | 6020 | Australia | |
| Steve | Purvis | 2323 | Australia | |
| Steve | Shawn | 20851 | United States of America | |
| Steve | Dalleywater | 2114 | Australia | |
| Steve | Wurtz | 66062 | United states | |
| Steven | Anyon-smith | 2226 | Australia | Surely a creature, priceless to the health of the oceans and worth millions of dollars in tourism revenue is worth more that a bowl of soup. |
| Steven | Cateris | 2010 | Australia | |
| Stuart | Mcculloch | 3199 | Australia | |
| Stuart | Cameron | 2095 | Australia | |
| Stuart | Pougher | 3136 | Australia | |
| Stuart | Featham | SW19 1HU | United kingdom | |
| Stuart | Perkins | 3820 | Australia | |
| Su | Shimeld kevern | sp5 5qb | United kingdom | |
| Sue | Crawford | 3631 | Australia | |
| Sue | Lesmond | 2444 | Australia | |
| Sue | Osborne | 6330 | Australia | |
| Sue | Mcguey | L6S 3E5 | Canada | |
| Sue | Nightingale | CB25 0EU | Uk | Aside from this, game fishing clubs and others catch, kill and discard sharks just for fun! Depressing, wasteful and stupid. |
| | | | | Making those few steps would create a proffoundly possitive result. |

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| Sue | Crowe | 2068 | Australia | Shark finning is not something we should even be debating - in this era of sustainability, the whole idea of finning is ridiculous and makes no sense. |
| Sue | Strom | 2069 | Australia | |
| Sue | Gould | 2428 | Australia | |
| Sue lyn | Lim | 3111 | Australia | |
| Sumathy | N | 560004 | India | |
| Summer | Johnson | 66208 | Usa | |
| Susan | Pernot | 81321 | Usa | |
| Susan | Navidad | 72207 | Usa | |
| Susan | Balik | 07506-2504 | United states | |
| Susan | Elgar | 2350 | Australia | |
| Susan | Burgess | 4152 | Australia | |
| Susan | Sinotte | Y1A 0B2 | Canada | |
| Susan | Mitruk | 509 | Kenya | |
| Susan | Laing | 2065 | Australia | Every time I sign one of these very necessary petitions, as a member of the Conservation Society (not a co-opted one-off concerned citizen) I'm forced to wonder yet again why as a human species we are still having to fight for the rights of the future of the environment over so-called commercial imperatives. Business owners and employees ultimately survive and move on. When species die there is nowhere else to turn. Please employ sense and integrity in your deliberations over this and other critical marine ecosystem issues. And votes are irrelevant because politicians and governments come and go as well. Democracy will wither when we don't have enough to feed ourselves. |
| Susan | Lesmond | 2444 | Australia | Please protect these magnificent marine creatures from this senseless slaughter! |
| Susan | Pedersen | 810 | Australia | |
| Susan | Cassidy | 4064 | Australia | |
| Susan | Watts | 92506 | United states | |
| Susan | Martin | 4183 | Australia | |
| Susana | Baia | v7r1b2 | Canada | |
| Susana | Francisco | 2620-260 | Portugal | |
| Susanann | Wilkerson | 63755 | United states | |
| Susanna | Evington | 2481 | Australia | |
| Susanna | Cheng | 2060 | Australia | |

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| Suzanne | Hall | 17237 | Usa |
| Suzanne | Maresca | 7849 | Usa |
| Suzanne | Garrett | 4877 | Australia |
| Suzanne | Leibel | 3084 | Australia |
| Suzie | Phillips | 4879 | Australia |
| Sylvia | Cooper | 4217 | Australia |
| Sylvia ruth | Gray | 84103-2609 | United states |
| Talia | Sawers | 2037 | Australia |
| Tamala | Atkinson | 6155 | Australia |
| Tamar | Hopkins | 3056 | Australia |
| Tamara | Vidal | 4151 | Australia |
| Tania | Brandao | 2685-065 | Portugal |
| Tanja | Magerl-mamsch | 82346 | Germany |
| Tanja | Gahler | 4565 | Australia |
| Tanwi | Sandelwood | 3640 | Belgã@e |
| Tanya | Collins | 5164 | Australia |
| Tara | Cush | 4108 | Australia |
| Tatiana | Torres | 11001000 | Colombia |
| Tatjana | Gassl | D-83022 | Germany |
| Ted | Heard | 10014 | Us |
| Teja | Lipold | 870 | Australia |
| Tejinder | Gill | 2105 | Australia |
| Teneal | Solinas | 4860 | Australia |
| Teresa | Eaker | 54124 | Usa |
| Teresa | Wlosowicz | 41200 | Poland |
| Tereza | Tantar | 3976 | Australia |
| Terri | Ross-marriott | 5251 | Australia |
| Terry | Smith | 2047 | Australia |

Australia used to be a world leader when it came to environmental issues. Whilst we seem to have dropped the ball a litte, we now have an opportunity to at least match what others are doing to protect their shark populations.

Please, we have to start making a difference when we have the opportunity, ie: when policy or legislation is being changed. Too many times in the past have we let the chance go by with out implementing real changes to protect the amazing but threatened species. Act now before it really is too late and they are lost in history. Regards, Terri Ross-Marriott

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| Terry | Goss | 94122 | Usa | |
| Terry | Vaccaro | 07060-4472 | Usa | |
| Terry | Bull | ss170sj | Uk | |
| Terry | O'Donovan | LL574HD | Uk | Live finning is a horrific way to treat any animal |
| Terry | Turner | 4059 | Australia | |
| Tess | Hutton | 3181 | Australia | |
| Tess | Maskell | 3058 | Australia | |
| Theodore | Spachidakis | 18535 | Greece | |
| Theresa | Karelse | 6050 | Australia | |
| Therese | Debing | 93430 | Usa | |
| Thiago | Martins | 88304-020 | Brazil | |
| Thomas | Bassett | 6153 | Australia | |
| Thomas | Morgan | 2088 | Australia | |
| Thomas | Paul | 2602 | Australia | |
| Thomas | Catt | LN12 2DF | United kingdom | |
| Thomas | Knedlik | 2099 | Australia | |
| Thomas | Ingpen | 3162 | Australia | |
| Thorsten | Drescher | 41472 Neuss | Germany | |
| Thorsten | Kassebeer | 31036 | Germany | |
| Tiffany | Mason | 2795 | Australia | When you remove the top-order predator from a food chain, the whole system collapses. Sharks are top-order predators and their role as such is vital in a healthy marine environment. The collapse of shark numbers will lead to the collapse of other fisheries, so it makes economic (as well as environmental) sense to protect them rather than fish them. |
| Tim | Little | BT56 8HE | Northern ireland | |
| Tim | Holmes | 4306 | Australia | As a nation we are seriously lagging behind many nations regarding shark protection but sadly there are many countries doing even less than Australia. We need to ramp up efforts now before we lose species forever. |
| Tim | Karl | 2026 | Australia | |
| Tim | Crawford | 7005 | Australia | |
| Tim | Deboer | 2204 | Australia | |
| Tim | Mitchell | 4011 | Australia | |
| Tim | Duda | 78209-6625 | Usa | |
| Tim | Nicol | 6005 | Australia | Most important is protecting shark habitats in marine sanctuaries and ending the targeted fishing of sharks. It is simply not a sensible thing to do. |

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| Timi | Bell | 2480 | Australia | <p>Also, I've heard from a number of fishermen that there is an illegal shark fin trade in Australia off long line vessels and maybe others, so making sure that sharks are landed with their fins is also very important. They are worth so much it is too big of a temptation otherwise.</p> <p>Finally, last resort once sanctuaries are in place and targeted shark fishing is stopped, we also need to look at reducing bycatch of threatened sharks in legitimate fisheries.</p> <p>Sharks were an important part of my last holiday to Australia. It would be sad to see their numbers dwindle.</p> <p>PLEASE protect sharks, they are extremely vulnerable to human activities and extremely slow to reproduce. They are required for a healthy ocean ecosystem. Thank you.</p> <p>Please save the oceans for my children!</p> <p>It is important to properly resource any such plan, otherwise it simply becomes a useless piece of paper.</p> <p>Most of all ban the sale of shark fin soup or any other shark fin specific products.</p> <p>We must protect and conserve the Australia sharks.</p> <p>The rest of the world is looking to you for guidance in ocean conservation. Take the right action.</p> |
| Timi | Bell | 2480 | Australia | |
| Timo | Stadtlander | 70599 | Germany | |
| Timothy | Mullen | ST3 2AY | United kingdom | |
| Tina | Warren | G31 3Pd | United kingdom | |
| Tinka | Behrendt | 82279 | Germany | |
| Tobias | Schunck | 80544 | Usa | |
| Tobias | Snazell | 6225 | Australia | |
| Tom | Halliday | 2022 | Australia | |
| Tom | Bellamy | 6148 | Australia | |
| Tom | Mckinnon | NN168NU | Uk | |
| Tom | Finholt | 63011 | United states | |
| Tom | Mullaney | 2033 | Australia | |
| Tom | Miller | 3350 | Australia | |
| Tom | Kozel | 45152 | Usa | |
| Tom | Rowlands | BS9 3LN | Uk | |
| Toni | Clark | 66103 | Usa | |
| Toni | Payne | tpayne@iprimus.com.au | Australia | |
| Tony | Poutsma | 4035 | Australia | |
| Tony | Dowd | 2614 | Australia | |
| Tony | Mosman | 2022 | Australia | |
| Tony | Hough | 4170 | Australia | |
| Tony | Fields | 2251 | Australia | |
| Tonya | Camp | 35478 | Usa | |
| Tooni | Mahto | 3230 | Australia | |

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| Torsten | Landwehr | 2035 | Australia |
| Tracey | Mills | 2010 | Australia |
| Tracy | Tebbutt | 6163 | Australia |
| Tracy | Raby | 3214 | Australia |
| Tracy | Lange, FNP | 24165 | United states |
| Trevor | Doyle | 2262 | Australia |
| Trier | Murphy | 3078 | Australia |
| Troy | Muir | 3942 | Australia |
| Trudy | Stone | 2043 | Australia |
| Twyla | Meyer | 91767 | United states |
| Tyson | Kozuszek | 4564 | Australia |
| Ulrich | BÄ¶sing | D-10711 | Germany |
| Ursula | O'Donnell | 2095 | Australia |
| Valeria | Barons | 7170 | Australia |
| Valerie | Smith | 89110 | United states |
| Valerie | Buisson | 65100 | France |
| Valerie | Churchill | 2508 | Australia |
| Valerie | Hildebrand | R3C 2E7 | Canada |
| Vanessa | Amoroso | 2010 | Australia |
| Vasumathi | Krishnasami | 560 051 | India |
| Vedran | Ä½anko | 10000 | Croatia |
| Vera | Gligorijevic | 11000 | Serbia |
| Veronica | Aster | 4341 | Australia |
| Veronique | Marien | 1040 | Belgium |
| Vesna | Borak | 2257 | Australia |
| Vicki | Copping | 4819 | Australia |

I have recently seen an abc program that described the collapse of an overseas sea and its local fishing economy that was the result of fishing out the shark population. Without the top predator the sea was overtaken by a voracious species of octopus that led to the collapse of the local fish population. My brother runs a fish and chip shop and even he can see how backward our policies are. Can we imagine our waters without good fishing and tourism? A shark is the lion of the sea and intrinsic to its health!

Be a leader and inspire us with your integrity and courage.

The law is an earthly, imperfect and constantly evolving image of the celestial concept of Justice. Therefore, the law must ever remain subservient to the higher cause and must serve the interests of justice, especially with regard to defenceless and voiceless creatures which share our planet with ourselves.

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| Vicki | Boxell | 6162 | Australia | <p>Sharks are important top predators of the ocean. We must protect endangered species, including more protection of sharks from shark-finning pirates in Australian waters.</p> <p>It is sad to realise that Australia is fast gaining a negative reputation for animal welfare of many species. You could help rectify this by bringing Australia's approach to shark conservation on a par with the best international practice. I hope to hear that you will.</p> <p>Sharks are one of the oldest living beings on this earth. Like crocodiles, they were on our planet during the dinosaur age. Destroying this species will have a catastrophic impact upon the oceans by upsetting the balance of countless ocean creatures. Sharks play a vital role in our ocean environment</p> <p>It is clear that sharks have a vital part in the whole ocean ecosystems of the world, and it is equally obvious that fishing of sharks is a massive world-wide industry, seemingly largely unregulated, with presumably unsustainably huge catches. Australia should be very concerned to ensure that shark fishing is practised in a sustainable way. Shark finning has been a cruel and wasteful practice. Australia should simply ban the sale of any shark fins, whether procured in Australian waters or imported as a dried product. That is an easy step to take and is both morally and ethically the right thing to do. Time Australia took back some kind of control of it's waters from greedy international marauders. it takes Sea Shepherd to police the sanctuary where whales are supposed to be safe, because Australia stands by and lets the Japanese commit murder in an Australian sanctuary. Wonder why that is? And we continue to sell off, in this case the Sharks. Time to follow through on that supposed Australian courage, on an international stage.</p> |
| Vicki | Paterson | 3196 | Australia | |
| Vicki | Nice | 2010 | Australia | |
| Vickie | Owens | 4870 | Australia | |
| Vickie | Nealis | N16 5HF | Uk | |
| Victor | Escobar | 23113-2366 | United states | |
| Victoria | Werne | 4551 | Australia | |
| Victoria | Miller | 8014 | Spain | |
| Victoria | Buckley | l9s2g1 | Canada | |
| Vicynthia | Tjahjadi | 40286 | Indonesia | |
| Vincent | Edwards | 2550 | Australia | |
| Vincent | Parisi | 2204 | Australia | |
| Vincent | Fitzgerarald | SO14 3GP | Uk | |
| Vittorio | Ricci | 16157 | Italy | |
| Viv | Cecil | BN27 4NA | United kingdom | |
| Vivianne | Nantel | 94960 | Usa | |
| Vivien | Ward | 2034 | Australia | |
| Vivienne | Vick | LD6 5PN | Wales | |

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| Vlado | Gasperov | 51000 | Croatia | <p>The protection of sharks is more than overdue. Especially the protection of sharks against having their fins cut off alive is a measure which should have the support of all Australians. As we consider us to be a compassionate society let's demonstrate it by stopping this cruelty and furthermore guarantee that sharks as an important link in the food chain which includes us are not wiped out.</p> <p>i fish and i vote , and i am watching you. warren</p> <p>protecting the key predators in an ecosystem is vitally important to the ecosystem as a whole.</p> <p>Please act to actually protect sharks. They are important to the ocean biodiversity and will be too late to save if real action is not taken.</p> <p>Sharks have been so over fished...for fin soup or just for the fun of it. They need a place to be safe. Australia could be that place. Please consider.</p> <p>Please ban fishing for sharks for their fins and create protection zones to conserve these creatures. Please also monitor the shark fishing industry to ensure the survival of these wonderful creatures. Westley Tully</p> <p>Please please make this happen. Such a valuable part of our ecosystem needs to be taken into consideration. Please protect the marine life.</p> |
| Volker | Pfannenberg | 2086 | Australia | |
| Walter | Nisa-castro-neto | 95560000 | Brazil | |
| Warren | Hope | 6081 | Australia | |
| Wb & s | Burris | 3451 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Campbell | 6008 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Austin | 7000 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Delaney | 2285 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Lamb | 6536 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Perkins | L6L 1V2 | Canada | |
| Wendy | Shaw | 4159 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Hall | 3199 | Australia | |
| Wendy | Wamser | 49341 | Usa | |
| Werner | Trossbach | 4005 | Australia | |
| Westley | Tully | 5169 | Australia | |
| Whitney | Harlow | 17112 | United States of America | |
| William | Pasukinis | 17814 | Usa | |
| William | Mittig | 95338 | Usa | |
| William M. | Stark | 87505-6821 | Usa | |
| Wolf | Isbert | 39005 | Spain | |
| Ximena | Ortiz | 1710 | México | |
| Yara | Halabi | 3207 | Australia | |
| Yee yeon | Lim | 43300 | Malaysia | |

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| York | Sylvester | 2025 | Australia | <p>This is critical to sustaining the food chain!</p> <p>We are part of earth, so is sharks. Human has destroyed most of the nature and many species have become endangered. Please protect the sharks before it is too late.</p> |
| Yossi | Kahlon | 7042 | Usa | |
| Yu gie | Lim | 650231 | Singapore | |
| Yuki | Schofield | 2031 | Australia | |
| Yulia | Sidelnikova | 80212 | Usa | |
| Yung en | Chee | 3183 | Australia | |
| Yvonne | Suares | 6285 | Australia | |
| Yvonne | Warren | 2441 | Australia | |
| Yvonne | Fast | 9000 | Denmark | |
| Yvonne | Fast | 9000 | Denmark | |
| Zee | Kallah | 85013 | USA of America | |
| Zoe | Hauptmann | 2207 | Australia | |