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Dear Stakeholder

Call for Evidence on the Scale of Shark Fin Trade in the UK and Possible Impacts of Stricter Controls

Seeking evidence on the trade of shark fins in the UK and overseas to inform whether further action is required to address unsustainable consequences

We are asking for evidence which will help us better understand shark fin trade and its impacts both in the UK and overseas. The UK has a strong track record in marine conservation and places great importance on ensuring appropriate protection and management is in place for all shark species. Following the end of the Transition period we will explore options consistent with World Trade Organisation rules to address shark fin trade. We will use the evidence gathered from this consultation to inform whether further action is required to address any unsustainable and/or negative consequences of shark fin trade.

This Call for Evidence will be open for 4 weeks, commencing 06 December 2020 and closing 04 January 2021.

How to Respond

We ask that any responses be sent by **04 January 2021** using the online portal at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/shark-and-cetacean-conservation/call-for-evidence-on-uk-shark-fin-trade>

Yours sincerely

Shark and Cetacean Conservation Team

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