



Sea Save Foundation Newsletter

Fighting the Fight @ CITES CoP17

At the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17) in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sea Save Foundation is ***fighting for the future of marine species.***



I am in South Africa, writing this note from the floor of CITES CoP17.

We are fighting many big money interests. They are strongly represented here, are not interested in protecting our oceans, but in maximizing profits, even if it imperils endangered and threatened animals.

It matters little if the oceans were inherited from our ancestors, or borrowed from our children. We are here now, and it is our duty to make sure we do not overfish them to oblivion.

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As you know, we were successful in 2013. Due to our coalition's efforts *Porbeagle Sharks, Hammerhead Sharks, Oceanic Whitetips* and *Mantas* were placed upon Appendix II.

We are now back at CITES, leveraging strong science and bright minds to convince

this international assembly to protect additional marine megafauna. But we need your help.

Proposals to place **Thresher Sharks, Mobula Rays and Silky Sharks** as well as chambered nautilus, precious corals, cardinal fish are facing steep opposition. The international delegations will begin voting on Sunday. Our team is fighting for the acceptance of these proposals.



You can review additional information including the official [Sea Save Position Paper](#), CITES proposals and more [HERE](#)



It is not always easy to embrace international policy issues, but by fighting to make these changes upstream, we have a much higher chance for realizing success.

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Warm Regards and Best Fishes,

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