

Fish stock conservation: prohibition of removing fins of sharks on board vessels

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Elspeth ATTWOOLL (ELDR, UK) on the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 20/02/03.) Parliament went to state that the Commission should develop by 31/12/03 a comprehensive action plan for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of elasmobranchs, in line with the FAO Code of conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the international plan of action for the conservation and management of sharks. It also specified that all vessels must keep logbook records detailing, species by species, weights of sharks retained on board, transhipped, landed or discarded as bycatch.