

EU SHARK RALLY NEWSLETTER

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MAKE OR BREAK FOR MAKOS

This week postcards will be landing on the desks of Ministers and decision makers across Europe reminding them to support the scientific advice for Atlantic mako sharks! Thank you to all the groups and individuals who've been sending cards – both virtual and the real things! We do have some postcards left – so please, if you're yet to send any, contact rebecca@sharktrust.org by return of email and we'll have them to you asap.

Why the rush? Next week (6th Oct) EU Member States will meet to agree their position on North Atlantic mako, creating the basis of the final EU negotiating position (mandate) for the ICCAT meeting this November. The more Member States who speak out in favour of the ICCAT scientific advice for mako, the greater the chance of the EU mandate actually reflecting the science, and not just the wishes of two Member States.

The advice is clear, the solution simple: **prohibit retention of North Atlantic mako with no exceptions.**

In 2020 EU North Atlantic mako landings increased.

It's **#MakeorBreak4Makos!**



Ali Hood
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It's Not Too Late to Send a Postcard



Keep mako shark protection on the agenda of EU and US decision makers before 6th October, 2021

TAKE ACTION

1. Send a digital postcard
to your government officials



Send a Postcard

2. Send postcards via post to Ministers in
your home country.

Contact Us





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“Overfishing is by far the biggest threat to Shortfin Mako sharks, with the problem particularly dire in the Atlantic.”

2021: MAKE OR BREAK FOR MAKOS

Time is running out!

Support among governments is growing for finally imposing what scientists call the most effective immediate measure to stem decline of Atlantic shortfin makos: a prohibition on retention, without exceptions. Yet time is running out to mitigate long-term negative consequences and avoid irreparable damage for this slow growing population, the associated ecosystem, and myriad stakeholders.

ICCAT Parties have what they need to reverse dangerous population decline: clear scientific advice, a new mandate to conserve sharks, the capacity to enforce a simple ban, time for dedicated deliberations, and encouragement from conservationists around the world.

All they need to do is end the delays, follow the science, and protect mako sharks.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Don't forget to send a postcard!
Contact us by return of email to make sure your voice is heard.

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