

## EU SHARK RALLY NEWSLETTER

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## MAKE TIME FOR MAKOS

The initial ICCAT mako proposals are in with Canada, the US, and the EU making submissions! So now – more than ever – **we need to make some noise!**

Support grows for the Canada-led proposal for non-retention in the North Atlantic and a science-based TAC in the south. The EU has presented a similar position to 2020 while declaring that their proposal does not represent a coordinated Member State position?! So there's everything to play for!

**Please keep sending emails, tweets, and letters,** and encourage other groups and individuals to do likewise. Let your Member State Ministry know that there is an alternative science-based proposal (Canada) for the EU to follow!

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have also been speaking out in the last week – with over 40 MEPs, from 13 Member States including Spain and Portugal, signing a letter to the EU Commissioner Sinkevičius requesting the EU change course and support non-retention! Excellent to have support from politicians as well as citizens!

Please **keep up the pressure**, #MakeTime4Makos!

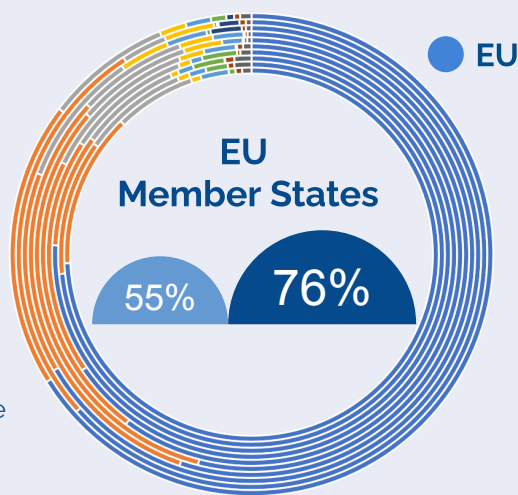


**Ali Hood**  
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### THE EU & MAKOS

The EU has the highest mako landings in the world. Its major role in North Atlantic mako depletion brings responsibility to take the lead in reversing declines.

It is vital that the EU heed scientific advice, and secure immediate, domestic and international bans on North Atlantic mako fishing.



Source data: SCRS 2020 N.Atlantic Mako catches (tonnes) 2010-2019

## JUNE TOP 3 ACTIONS

1. So far 233 Tweets targeting EU Fisheries and Environment Ministers have been published. **We need to make more noise!** Click to Tweet to make your voice heard for makos.

[Click to tweet](#)

2. **Keep the pressure on!** Click to email a ready to send message to Government Officials from the Fisheries Ministry in your home country

[Click to send an email](#)

3. Forward this newsletter to your friends, family, work colleagues and ask them to #Rally4Makos





Caroline Roose

French MEP

“ We are troubled that the European Commission has not only failed to champion the urgent scientific advice for endangered North Atlantic shortfin mako sharks, but that – with excessively lenient counterproposals – has served as the primary obstacle to an international agreement that could end overfishing and begin the long journey to population recovery. ”

## MEPs Urge EU Support for Protecting Endangered Mako Sharks

### *Cross Party Coalition Calls on EU Commissioner to Change Course and Accept Scientific Advice*

41 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are calling on the European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans, and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevičius, to ensure EU support for protecting endangered shortfin mako sharks through the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). In a letter sent on 20th May, in preparation for upcoming ICCAT negotiations, the MEPs request that the EU stop blocking and begin supporting a mako retention ban long recommended by scientists to save the North Atlantic population.

Shortfin makos are particularly valuable oceanic sharks, sought for meat, fins, and sport. Makos are fished by many nations yet not subject to international fishing quotas. ICCAT scientists have advised since 2017 a ban on landing North Atlantic shortfin makos. The EU ranks first among ICCAT Parties for landings from this particularly depleted mako population, taking 62% in 2019 ...

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## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

**Not contacted your Ministry yet?** Use the NGO template Letter to share your concern about the European Union's lead role in the continuing depletion of shortfin mako sharks with Government officials from Fisheries Ministries in your home country.

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