

EU SHARK RALLY NEWSLETTER

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MAKE TIME FOR MAKOS

Today we have not one, but two positive progress updates to announce! The **first EU Member State to champion the ICCAT** scientific advice & the launch of a new video message [Voices for Makos](#)!

As we all know, Member State support for the ICCAT advice is vital, and the **Netherlands have stepped-up** as our first Champion – demonstrating to the EU Commission that the EU's current position does not reflect all Member States! Let's not leave the Netherlands standing alone - we need to get more Member States on the [Mako Champion Map](#)!

To aid with securing support a number of you have helped us create **Voices for Makos** – a short video sending a clear message to the EU Commissioner, Member States and wider ICCAT Parties: **Ban retention of North Atlantic Makos now!**

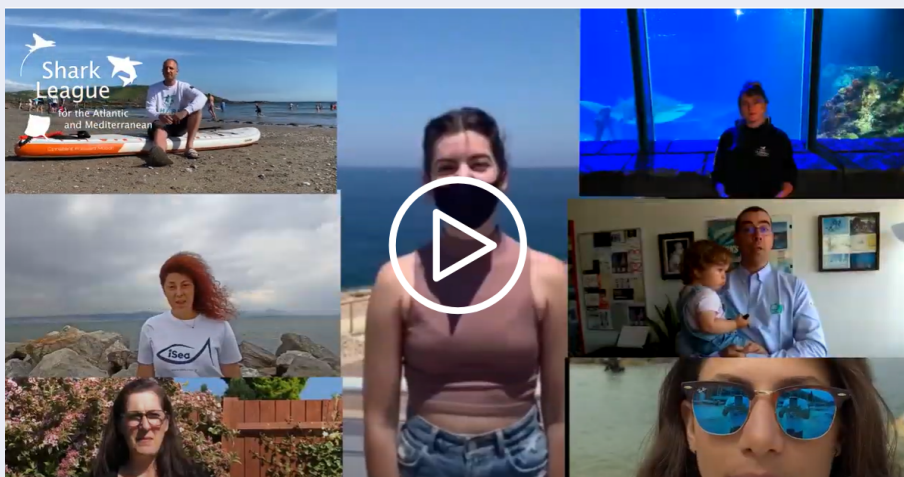
The EU Commissioner's office are aware of the campaigning across Member States, they are hearing us. So now it's time to really turn up the volume!

#MakeTime4Makos



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VOICES FOR MAKOS



Thank you for voicing your concerns for makos

JULY TOP 3 ACTIONS

1. **Add your voice** and join NGOs, scientists, politicians, divers, aquariums and some EU Member States urging the EU Commission to follow the science



**Click To Add
Your Voice**

2. **Share Voices For Makos** on social media to help spread the word far and wide



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3. **Turn up the volume!** Share your concerns with Government Officials from the Fisheries Ministry in your home country and urge them to #Rally4Makos





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EU Member State to
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VOICES FOR MAKOS GET LOUDER

New Video Message Urges the EU Commission to Follow the Science.

While ICCAT Parties are stepping up to voice their support for a prohibition on retention of North Atlantic mako – the EU continues to promote fishing, in spite of the scientific advice to the contrary. But the call to ban mako shark retention is increasing across EU Member States!

EU citizens, politicians, scientists, divers, aquariums, and some Member States, are urging the EU Commission to change their position. To follow the science: no retention, no exceptions.

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NEW SHARK LEAGUE STATEMENT ON MAKO SHARKS

ICCAT 2021 Panel 4 Intersessional

Ecology Action Centre — with support from Shark Advocates International (a project of The Ocean Foundation), Shark Trust, and PADI AWARE — express their views on protections for Atlantic shortfin makos ahead of international negotiations.

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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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[#Divers4Makos call on Brazil and South Africa to back the mako shark fishing ban](#)