

## **Timeline for hammerhead sharks in CITES and Luis Guillermo Solís' governments efforts to eschew responsibility**

**On March 13, 2013 hammerhead sharks were voted into CITES Appendix II which only allows the international commerce of these animals if the individual country can prove that the quantities destined for export do not pose a threat to the population as a whole. This is done through a Non-Detriment Finding (NDF). Costa Rica, along with Brazil and Honduras, led the CITES campaign.**

September 14, 2014: CITES hammerhead sharks is officially implemented worldwide

<https://www.pretoma.org/es/cites-restrictions-start-today-on-international-trade-of-sharks-manta-rays/>

November 19, 2014: Costa Rica is accused of illegally permitting the export of hammerhead shark fins

<https://www.pretoma.org/es/exportation-of-shark-fin-cargo-halted-in-costa-rica/>

December 24, 2014: Costa Rica exports an illegal shipment of 411 kilos of hammerhead shark fins to Hong Kong

<http://www.pretoma.org/es/costa-rica-exported-411-kilos-of-hammerhead-shark-fins-last-december/>

February 20, 2015: Costa Rica exports a third illegal shipment of hammerhead fins

March 1, 2015: SINAC prohibits more fin exports until an NDF can be elaborated by Costa Rica's National CITES Scientific Authority (CRACCITES)

August 20, 2015: CRACCITES published a negative NDF which finds that no safe number of hammerhead sharks can be sustainably destined for international commerce

September 1, 2015: The national longline fleet blocks primary highways in the country in protest of the NDF

September 7, 2015: The government negotiates with the national longline sector and agrees to not support further inclusion of shark species into CITES

<http://www.pretoma.org/es/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Acuerdos>

February 23, 2016: The government restructures CRACCITES, doubling its members and establishing sub-committees for discussing particular species

<http://www.pretoma.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Decreto-nuevo-CITES.pdf>

August 5, 2016: Smalley Development solicits permission to export 690 kilos of hammerhead shark fins. CRACCITES is asked to evaluate the request

<http://www.pretoma.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/DSC00527-e1485469235682.jpg>

October 28, 2016: CRACCITES creates a Hammerhead Shark Sub-Commission to elaborate a new NDF

February 22, 2017: CRACCITES will decide whether or not to allow hammerhead fin exports based on the Sub-Commission's recommendation

**Costa Ricans, we demand that the government respects to best available science and that it protects the public's interests. No hammerhead shark fin exports!**



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