

**STATEMENT FROM GABON ON PANEL 4 - ROUND #2:**

A shortfin mako shark stock assessment was held in 2019. The results showed that the stock is currently overfished and overfishing is occurring. To that end, the advice from the SCRS was to ban the retention of shortfin mako sharks on board ensuring the recovery of this stock. It is in this context, during the Commission meeting in Palma de Mallorca, Gabon supported the proposal of Senegal, reflecting the advice of the SCRS.

This year the SCRS renewed the advice given in 2019. Faced with this situation, it is the Commission's task to adopt management measures to guarantee the recovery of the threatened stocks, shortfin mako shark, in particular.

For its part, Gabon, concerned with the state of the stock, supports the proposal PA4-806: *Draft recommendation by ICCAT on conservation of Atlantic shortfin mako caught in association with ICCAT fisheries*, of Canada, Senegal and the United Kingdom, who follow the advice of the SCRS. Furthermore, Gabon Would like to co-sponser this proposal and invites other CPCs to support this proposal.