

Shark Implementation Check Sheet

(Name of CPC): ALBANIA

Note: Each ICCAT requirement must be implemented in a legally binding manner. Just requesting fishermen to implement measures should not be regarded as implementation.

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Note</i>
04-10	1	Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) shall annually report Task I and Task II data for catches of sharks, in accordance with ICCAT data reporting procedures, including available historical data	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shark species
	2	CPCs shall take the necessary measures to require that their fishermen fully utilize their entire catches of sharks. Full utilization is defined as retention by the fishing vessel of all parts of the shark excepting head, guts and skins, to the point of first landing	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of sharks and there do not exists any local or international trade for the shark species
	3	(1) CPCs shall require their vessels to not have onboard fins that total more than 5% of the weight of sharks onboard, up to the first point of landing	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shark species
		(2) CPCs that currently do not require fins and carcasses to be offloaded together at the point of first landing shall take the necessary measures to ensure compliance with the 5% ratio through certification, monitoring by an observer, or other appropriate measures	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shark species
	5	Fishing vessels are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping or landing any fins harvested in contravention of this Recommendation	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shark species
07-06	1	Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities (hereinafter referred to as CPCs), especially those directing fishing activities for sharks, shall submit Task I and II data for sharks, as required by ICCAT data reporting procedures (including estimates of dead discards and size frequencies) in advance of the next SCRS assessment	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shark species. Albania does not authorize any vessel for fishing activities for sharks. So, in the Task I we report only the purse seiner authorized for BFT fishing. As far as Task II is concerned, there are

					no sharks catch reported as incidentals or by-catch, both from BFT fishing or other fishing methods. The fishery inspectors do not report any case of discards and release (dead or alive) sharks spp by the Albanian fishing fleet.
	2	Until such time as sustainable levels of harvest can be determined through peer reviewed stock assessments by SCRS or other organizations, CPCs shall take appropriate measures to reduce fishing mortality in fisheries targeting porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>) and North Atlantic shortfin mako sharks (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shortfin mako sharks (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>) or porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)
09-07	1	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall prohibit, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of bigeye thresher sharks (<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>) in any fishery with exception of a Mexican small-scale coastal fishery with a catch of less than 110 fish	N/A.	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 Paragraph 1 “Fishing, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale on the market or for consumption, in any period, area and by any means or devices of these aquatic organisms..... d. Sharks (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> ; <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> ; <i>Alopiidae</i> ; <i>Carcharhinidae</i> ; <i>Sphyrnidae</i> ; <i>Lamnidae</i>)	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of sharks and there do not exists any local or international trade for the shark species
	2	CPCs shall require vessels flying their flag to promptly release unharmed, to the extent practicable, bigeye thresher sharks when brought along side for taking on board the vessel	Yes	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 paragraph 3 – “As far as possible, specimens of species, accidentally caught by the fishing gear, specially point “a” to “dh” and point “ë” to “h”, are carefully handled on board the fishing	

				vessel and released alive in water and undamaged”	
	4	CPCs shall require the collection and submission of Task I and Task II data for <i>Alopias</i> spp other than <i>A. superciliosus</i> in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements. The number of discards and releases of <i>A. superciliosus</i> must be recorded with indication of status (dead or alive) and reported to ICCAT in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements	N/A.	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel for <i>Alopias</i> spp sharks catch. So, in the Task I we report only the purse seiner authorized for BFT fishing. As far as Task II is concerned, there are no <i>Alopias</i> spp catches reported as incidentals or by-catch, both from BFT fishing or other fishing methods. The fishery inspectors do not report any case of discards and release (dead or alive) for <i>A. superciliosus</i> and <i>Alopias</i> spp by the Albanian fishing fleet.
10-06	1	CPCs shall include information in their 2012 Annual Reports on actions taken to implement Recommendations 04-10, 05-05, and 07-06, in particular the steps taken to improve their Task I and Task II data collection for direct and incidental catches	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shark species. Albania do not authorize any vessel for shark catch and there are not reported sharks by-catch both from BFT fishing vessel or other fishing vessel (bottom & pelagic trawlers, small pelagic purse seiner).
10-07	1	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall prohibit retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of oceanic whitetip sharks in any fishery	Yes	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 Paragraph 1 “Fishing, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale on the market or for consumption, in any period, area and by any means or devices of these aquatic organisms..... d. Sharks (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> ; <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> ; <i>Alopiidae</i> ; <i>Carcharhinidae</i> ;	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of sharks and there do not exists any local or international trade for the shark species

				<i>Sphyrnidae;</i> <i>Lamnidae)</i>	
	2	CPCs shall record through their observer programs the number of discards and releases of oceanic whitetip sharks with indication of status (dead or alive) and report it to ICCAT	N/A.	N/A	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of oceanic whitetip sharks and there are no records by observer program in 2019 for any discards and/or release of oceanic whitetip shark by the Albanian fishing fleet
10-08	1	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall prohibit retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of hammerhead sharks of the family Sphyrnidae (except for the <i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>), taken in the Convention area in association with ICCAT fisheries	N/A.	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of hammerhead sharks of the family Sphyrnidae. Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 Paragraph 1 “Fishing, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale on the market or for consumption, in any period, area and by any means or devices of these aquatic organisms..... d. Sharks (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> ; <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> ; <i>Alopiidae</i> ; <i>Carcharhinidae</i> ; <i>Sphyrnidae</i> ; <i>Lamnidae</i>)	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of. Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of hammerhead sharks of the family Sphyrnidae and there do not exists any local or international trade for the shark species.
	2	CPCs shall require vessels flying their flag, to promptly release unharmed, to the extent practicable, hammerhead sharks when brought alongside the vessel	N/A.	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 paragraph 3 – “As far as possible, specimens of species, accidentally caught by the fishing gear, specially point “a” to “dh” and point “e” to “h”, are carefully handled on board the fishing vessel and released	Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of hammerhead sharks of the family Sphyrnidae.

				alive in water and undamaged”	
	3	(1) Hammerhead sharks that are caught by developing coastal CPCs for local consumption are exempted from the measures established in paragraphs 1 and 2, provided these CPCs submit Task I and, if possible, Task II data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS. If it is not possible to provide catch data by species, they shall be provided at least by genus <i>Sphyrna</i> .	N/A.	N/A	Not applicable for Albania since there do not exist any local consumption for the shark species mentioned. Albania do not authorize any vessel for shark catch.
		(2) Developing coastal CPCs exempted from this prohibition pursuant to this paragraph should endeavor not to increase their catches of hammerhead sharks. Such CPCs shall take necessary measures to ensure that hammerhead sharks of the family Sphyrnidae (except of <i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>) will not enter international trade and shall notify the Commission of such measures	N/A.	N/A	Not applicable for Albania since there do not exist any local or international trade for the shark species mentioned (hammerhead)
	4	CPCs shall require that the number of discards and releases of hammerhead sharks are recorded with indication of status (dead or alive) and reported to ICCAT in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements	Yes	Law 64/2012 “On Fisheries” amended, Article 74, 75 and 82.	Master of vessel register any by catch in the logbook. No any by-catch of hammerhead sharks reported.
11-08	1	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall require fishing vessels flying their flag and operating in ICCAT managed fisheries to release all silky sharks whether dead or alive, and prohibit retaining on board, transshipping, or landing any part or whole carcass of silky shark	Yes	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 Paragraph 1 “Fishing, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale on the market or for consumption, in any period, area and by any means or devices of these aquatic organisms..... d. Sharks (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> ; <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> ; <i>Alopiidae</i> ; <i>Carcharhinidae</i> ; <i>Sphyrnidae</i> ; <i>Lamnidae</i>)	

	2	CPCs shall require vessels flying their flag to promptly release silky sharks unharmed, at the latest before putting the catch into the fish holds, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members. Purse seine vessels engaged in ICCAT fisheries shall endeavor to take additional measures to increase the survival rate of silky sharks incidentally caught	Yes	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended, Article 37 paragraph 3 – “As far as possible, specimens of species, accidentally caught by the fishing gear, specially point “a” to “dh” and point “ë” to “h”, are carefully handled on board the fishing vessel and released alive in water and undamaged”	
	3	CPCs shall record through their observer programs the number of discards and releases of silky sharks with indication of status (dead or alive) and report it to ICCAT	N/A	Law 64/2012 “On Fishery”, amended Article 125 Fisheries Observers The Observer is responsible for: a) b) c) ç) d)..... dh) in case the observer acts in accordance with the rules of an international agreement, to undertake those activities, which have been agreed between the ministry and the relevant authority of this authority, expressed in the agreement, but which are not in contradiction with letters "a" up to "ç", of this point.	
	4	(1) Silky sharks that are caught by developing coastal CPCs for local consumption are exempted from the measures established in paragraphs 1 and 2, provided these CPCs submit Task I and, if possible, Task II data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS. CPCs that	N/A	N/A	Not applicable. Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of silky shark. In Albania, there do not exist any local consumption for the silky shark species.

		have not reported species-specific shark data shall provide a plan by July 1, 2012, for improving their data collection for sharks on a species specific level for review by the SCRS and Commission.			
		(2) Developing coastal CPCs exempted from the prohibition pursuant to this paragraph shall not increase their catches of silky sharks. Such CPCs shall take necessary measures to ensure that silky sharks will not enter international trade and shall notify the Commission of such measures	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel for silky sharks catch. In Albania, there do not exist any local or international trade for the silky shark.
	6	The prohibition on retention in paragraph 1 does not apply to CPCs whose domestic law requires that all dead fish be landed, that the fishermen cannot draw any commercial profit from such fish and that includes a prohibition against silky shark fisheries	N/A	N/A	Not applicable. Albania does not authorize any vessel for silky sharks catch. In Albania, there do not exist any local consumption for the silky shark species.
11-15	1	CPCs shall include information in their Annual Reports on actions taken to implement their reporting obligations for all ICCAT fisheries, including shark species caught in association with ICCAT fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their Task I and Task II data collection for direct and incidental catches	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel for sharks catch. So, in the Task I we report only the purse seiner authorized for BFT fishing. As far as Task II is concerned, there are no catch sharks reported as incidentals or by-catch, both from BFT fishing or other fishing methods.
14-06	1	CPCs shall improve their catch reporting systems to ensure the reporting of shortfin mako catch and effort data to ICCAT in full accordance with the ICCAT requirements for provision of Task I and Task II catch, effort and size data	N/A	N/A	Not applicable. Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shortfin mako (Isuridae)
	2	CPCs shall include in their annual reports to ICCAT information on the actions they have taken domestically to monitor catches and to conserve and manage shortfin mako sharks	N/A	N/A	Not applicable. Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shortfin mako (Isuridae)
15-06	1	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall require their vessels to promptly release unharmed, to the extent practicable, porbeagle	Yes	Law 64/2012 "On Fishery", amended, Article 37 Paragraph 1 "Fishing, retaining onboard, transhipping,	

		sharks caught in association with ICCAT fisheries when brought alive alongside for taking on board the vessel.		landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale on the market or for consumption, in any period, area and by any means or devices of these aquatic organisms..... d. Sharks (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> ; <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> ; <i>Alopiidae</i> ; <i>Carcharhinidae</i> ; <i>Sphyrnidae</i> ; <i>Lamnidae</i>) Article 37 paragraph 3 – “As far as possible, specimens of species, accidentally caught by the fishing gear, specially point “a” to “dh” and point “ë” to “h”, are carefully handled on board the fishing vessel and released alive in water and undamaged”	
	2	CPCs shall ensure the collection of Task I and Task II data for porbeagle sharks and their submission in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements. Discards and releases of porbeagle sharks shall be recorded with indication of status (dead or alive) and reported to ICCAT in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements.	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel for porbeagle sharks catch. So, in the Task I we report only the purse seiner authorized for BFT fishing. As far as Task II is concerned, there are no porbeagle sharks catches reported as incidentals or by-catch, both from BFT fishing or other fishing methods. The fishery inspectors, do not report any case of discards and release (dead or alive) for porbeagle sharks.
19-07/19-08 (before 16-12 for North)	4	Each CPC shall ensure that its vessels catching [North/South] Atlantic blue shark in association with ICCAT fisheries in the Convention area record their catch in accordance with the requirements set out in the Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Recording of Catch by Fishing Vessels in the	Yes	the Law 64/2012 “On Fisheries” amended, Article 74, 75 and 82 Vessels with a total length of 10 meters or longer carry on board a	Albania does not authorize any vessel for blue sharks catch.

		<p>ICCAT Convention Area [Rec. 03-13].</p> <p>(Rec. 03-13 provides: Each flag Contracting Party, Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity shall ensure that all fishing vessels flying its flag and authorized to fish species managed by ICCAT in the Convention area be subject to a data recording system. All commercial fishing vessels over 24 m length overall shall keep a bound or electronic logbook recording the information required in the ICCAT Field Manual for Statistics and Sampling. In the case of sport fishing vessels, other comparable data-collection systems shall be acceptable.)</p>		<p>logbook to record all the amounts of each species caught and kept on board, for over 50 kg of live weight... The master of fishing vessels with a total length of 10 meters or longer fill in the landing declaration declaring all the quantities for every species landed.</p>	
19-07/19-08 (before 16-12 for North)	5	<p>CPCs shall implement data collection programmes that ensure the reporting to ICCAT of accurate [North/South] Atlantic blue shark catch, effort, size and discard data to ICCAT in full accordance with the ICCAT requirements for provision of Task I and Task II data.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>Albania does not authorize any vessel for blue sharks catch. So, in the Task I we report only the purse seiner authorized for BFT fishing. As far as Task II is concerned, there are no blue sharks catches reported as incidentals or by-catch, both from BFT fishing or other fishing methods.</p>
19-07/19-08 (before 16-12 for North)	6	<p>CPCs shall include in their shark implementation check sheet submitted to ICCAT pursuant to Recommendation 18-06 information on the actions they have taken domestically to monitor catches and to conserve and manage North/South Atlantic blue sharks.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>Albania does not authorize any vessel for blue sharks catch. There is in place an observer on board program (Albanian trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and in the case of any by-catch of blue sharks we will inform ICCAT by Annual Report.</p>
19-07/19-08 (before 16-12 for North)	7	<p>CPCs are encouraged to undertake scientific research that would provide information on key biological/ecological parameters, life-history, migrations, post-release survivorship and behavioral traits of [North/South] blue sharks. Such information shall be made available to the SCRS.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>Albania does not authorize any vessel for blue sharks catch. By 2019, there is in place an observer on board program (Albanian trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and in the case of any by-catch of blue sharks we will inform SCRS</p>

					for biological parameters.
18-06	3	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) may be exempt from the submission of the check sheet when vessels flying their flag are not likely to catch any sharks species covered by the Recommendations Rec. 04-10, 07-06, 09-07, 10-06, 10-07, 10-08, 11-08, 11-15, 12-05, 14-06 and 15-06 on the condition that the concerned CPCs obtained a confirmation by the Shark Species Group through necessary data submitted by CPCs for this purpose.	No		Albania did not ask to be exempt from the submission of the shark check sheet.
19-06 (before 17-08)	1	Contracting Parties, and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall require vessels flying their flag to promptly release North Atlantic shortfin mako in a manner that causes the least harm, while giving due consideration to the safety of crew members	N/A	Regarding sharks catch, the Law 64/2012 “On Fisheries” amended, Article 37 paragraph 3 – “As far as possible, specimens of species, accidentally caught by the fishing gear, specially point “a” to “dh” and point “e” to “h”, are carefully handled on board the fishing vessel and released alive in water and undamaged”	Not applicable. Albania is not a CPC targeting or taking any by-catch of shortfin mako (Isuridae).
19-06 (before 17-08)	2	Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph 1 above, CPCs may authorize their vessels to catch and retain on board, transship or land North Atlantic shortfin mako, provided that: (1) For vessels whose length is greater than 12 m. a) the vessel has either an observer or a functioning electronic monitoring system on board which can identify whether the fish is dead or alive; b) shortfin mako is dead when brought along side for taking on board the vessel;	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel with length 12 m or longer to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae)

		<p>c) the observer collects data on the number of individuals hooked, body length, sex, condition, maturity (whether the individual is pregnant and its litter size) and weight of products for each shortfin mako caught as well as fishing effort; and</p> <p>d) when shortfin mako is not retained, the number of dead discards and live releases shall be recorded by the observer or estimated from the records of the electronic monitoring system.</p> <p>(2) For vessels whose length is equal or smaller than 12 m.</p> <p>a) shortfin mako is dead when brought along side for taking on board the vessel.</p>			Albania does not authorize any vessel with length 12 m or smaller to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae)
19-06 (before 17-08)	3	<p>Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph 1 above, CPCs may authorize their vessels to catch and retain on board, transship or land North Atlantic shortfin mako provided that:</p> <p>a) shortfin mako is dead when brought along side for taking on board the vessel; and</p> <p>b) the retention of shortfin mako does not exceed the fishing vessel's average shortfin mako landings while an observer is on board and this is verified by mandatory logbooks and landing inspection conducted on the basis of risk assessment.</p>	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae)
19-06 (before 17-08)	4	<p>Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph 1 above, CPCs may authorize their vessels to catch and retain on board, transship or land North Atlantic shortfin mako whether dead or alive, when a CPC's domestic law requires a minimum size of at least 180 cm fork length for males and of at least 210 cm fork length for females.</p>	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae)
19-06 (before 17-08)	5	<p>Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph 1 above, CPCs whose domestic law requires that all dead or dying fish be landed, provided that the fishermen may not draw any profit from such fish, may retain on board and land</p>	No	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae)

		incidental by-catch of North Atlantic shortfin mako.			
19-06 (before 17-08)	6	The biological samples collected by the observer should be analyzed by CPCs concerned and the result should be submitted to the SCRS by CPCs concerned.	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae) By 2019, there is in place an observer on board program (Albanian trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and in the case of any by-catch of North Atlantic shortfin mako we will inform SCRS for biological parameters.
19-06 (new)	7	CPCs shall endeavour to take further measures than those in this Recommendation 19-06 with the aim to stop overfishing and to rebuild the stock of North Atlantic shortfin mako.	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae)
19-06 (before 17-08)	10 (before 9)	CPCs shall also report the number of dead discards and live releases of North Atlantic shortfin mako estimated based on the total fishing effort of their relevant fleets using data collected through observer programs or other relevant data collection programs.	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae) By 2019, there is in place an observer on board program (Albanian trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and Albania will report the number of dead discards and live releases of North Atlantic shortfin mako.
19-06 (before 17-08)	10 (before 9)	CPCs that do not authorize their vessels to catch and retain on board, transship or land North Atlantic shortfin mako in accordance with paragraphs 2 through 5 of Rec. 19-06 shall also record through their observer programs the number of dead discards and live releases of North Atlantic shortfin mako and report it to SCRS.	N/A	N/A	Albania does not authorize any vessel to catch shortfin mako (Isuridae) By 2019, there is in place an observer on board program (Albanian trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and Albania will record the number of dead discards and live releases of North Atlantic shortfin mako and report it to SCRS, if there is any by-catch of this shark specie.