

**Question for written answer E-009278/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Recovery plan for sharks

I welcome the fact that, following a proposal tabled by the Commission, contracting parties to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) have decided to improve the state of the Mediterranean swordfish, and have agreed on a catch limit set at 10 500 tonnes in 2017 and a gradual reduction by 15 % in 5 years, from 10 185 tonnes in 2018 to 8 925 tonnes in 2022. Earlier this year, the ICCAT scientific committee (SCRS) recommended an immediate substantial reduction in Mediterranean swordfish catches, including up to 70 % of catches of juveniles.

Is the Commission going to propose a similar recovery plan in the policy for shark finning, and for the South Atlantic blue shark stock, also in need of protection?