

**Question for written answer E-002247/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Shortfin mako sharks in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Azores and in the North Atlantic

According to Greenpeace, a non-domestic fishing vessel has been found 200 miles off the coast of the Azores hauling in sharks listed as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species.

The shortfin mako sharks concerned are the *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* species. Greenpeace claims that these practices are not exceptional and estimates that around 25 000 mako sharks are caught annually.

Can the Commission therefore say:

- (1) What information does it have concerning the situation of the shortfin mako sharks in the North Atlantic and in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Azores, and in relation to the above-mentioned fishing activities?
- (2) What position has it adopted on this issue with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and what is its assessment of ICCAT's recommendations?