

# SAVE OUR SHARKS!

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Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_, Senator \_\_\_\_\_,  
and Senator \_\_\_\_\_: cc: President Barack Obama:

Please ensure that US trade negotiations do not undermine efforts to protect sharks from the cruel and unsustainable practice of finning. Shark finning involves cutting of the fins and leaving the animal to die. The fins are considered a delicacy in some Asian countries and are also used for their medicinal properties. Finning is seen as one of the major reasons for the declining population of sharks.

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### I urge you to:

publicly commit to oppose ANY legislation – whether called “Fast Track”, “Smart Track” or anything else, that would expedite the passage of TPP implementing legislation in Congress by preventing members of Congress from amending the legislation to ensure stronger protections for sharks and other wildlife.

contact President Obama and US Trade Representative Michael Froman and let them know that you will vote against TPP unless it contains strong, enforceable safeguards to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat and does NOT contain investor rights provisions that give corporations the power to sue governments in international tribunals outside the jurisdiction of their national court systems for enforcing their environmental and animal protection laws.

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