



**FINAL AGENDA**

**CPTPP Workshop on Combating Illegal Trade of Wildlife Species:  
Sharks and Stingrays**

May 2-3, 2023 (North and South America) / May 3-4, 2023 (Asia and Oceania)

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Ottawa) / 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Mexico City) / 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Wellington)

**Day 1: May 2, 2023 (North and South America) / May 3, 2023 (Asia and Oceania)**

| Duration | Agenda Item  |
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| 20 min   | <p><b>Welcome and Logistics (5 min)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Moderator:</b> Oscar Manuel Ramírez Flores, Senior Advisor on Biodiversity for the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Mexico</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks (15 min)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeanne-Marie Huddleston, Director General, Bilateral Affairs and Trade, Environment and Climate Change Canada</li> <li>Miguel Ángel Zerón Cid, Head of International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), Mexico</li> <li>Rebecca Steffens-Smith, Unit Manager for Rules, Sustainability and Intellectual Property, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New-Zealand</li> </ul> |
| 15 min   | <p><b>Deep Divers: The Importance of Sharks to Our Oceans</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Provide participants with knowledge on the relevance of sharks for the biodiversity and health of our oceans, as well as the fight against climate change. Focus on the Pacific region shark species, fishing, commercialization, CITES application, and challenges.</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oscar Sosa-Nishizaki, Fisheries Ecology Laboratory, Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education of Ensenada, Baja California (CICESE - <i>Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación superior de Ensenada, Baja California</i>)</li> </ul>  |
| 5 min    | <b>Break</b>   |
| 40 min   | <b>Current Status of the Legal and Illegal Trade of Sharks and Stingrays in the Trans-Pacific Region</b>   |





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|        | <p><i>Objective: Provide an overview of the current status of the legal and illegal trade of sharks and stingrays, with a focus on: main species involved, principal commercial usages for these species, statistics on the legal and illegal trade, and national institutions involved in the management of the legal trade and in combating the illegal trade.</i></p> <p><b>Panel Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seth Reinhart, Manager, Trade and Market Policy, Blue Economy Policy, Fisheries and Oceans Canada</li> <li>• Mónica Arciniega, Federal Attorney General’s Office of Environmental Protection (PROFEPA), Mexico</li> </ul> <p><i>Followed by a Q&amp;As session.</i></p>   |
| 10 min | <b>Break</b>  |
| 85 min | <p><b>Science-based Tools to promote the sustainable and legal trade of sharks, stingrays and Related Species</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Provide an overview of available science and technology for wildlife species identification to enhance capacity in monitoring and tracing the origins of illegally captured and traded wildlife.</i></p> <p><b>Panel Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Xie Renhui, Deputy Director, International Relations, National Parks Board, Singapore</li> <li>• Dr. Christoph Deeg, DNA Testing Expert, Fisheries and Oceans Canada</li> <li>• Dustin DeGagne, Senior Program Officer, Conservation &amp; Protection - International Program, Fisheries and Oceans Canada</li> <li>• Dr. Keith Hobson, Biologist, Science and Technology Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada</li> <li>• Emmanuel Rivera Téllez, CITES Fauna Specialist, National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO), Mexico.</li> </ul> <p><i>Followed by a Q&amp;As session.</i></p> |
| 2 min  | <p><b>Closing Remarks (Day 1)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Oscar Manuel Ramírez Flores, Senior Advisor on Biodiversity for the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Mexico</p>  |





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**Day 2: May 3, 2023 (North and South America) / May 4, 2023 (Asia and Oceania)**

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| 5 min    | <p><b>Welcome (Day 2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Moderator:</b> Carolina Caceres, Director International Biodiversity Policy, Environment and Climate Change Canada</li> </ul>  |
| 30 min   | <p><b>Reducing the Risks of Illegal Trade of Sharks and Stingrays: A Civil Society Perspective</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Identify the risk that illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) derived shark and ray products are in trade, as well as the tools and methods to lower that risk and exclude them from supply chains.</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Glenn Sant, Senior Advisor, Fisheries Trade and Traceability, TRAFFIC</p> <p><i>Followed by a Q&amp;As session.</i></p>  |
| 40 min   | <p><b>Border and Law Enforcement Strategies in Combating the Illegal Trade of Sharks and Stingrays</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Present investigation strategies and solutions employed by border and law officers that help governments address the illegal trafficking of sharks and stingrays.</i></p> <p><b>Panel Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedro Romo Obregón, Biologist, Federal Attorney General’s Office of Environmental Protection (PROFEPA), Mexico</li> <li>Rodrigo Peña, Legal Counsel, Specialized Unit for Money Laundering, Economic and Environmental Crimes and Organized Crime, Attorney General’s Office, Public Ministry of Chile</li> </ul> <p><i>Followed by a Q&amp;As session.</i></p> |
| 5 min    | <b>Break</b>   |





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| 30 min | <p><b>Opportunities to Stop the Illegal Trade of Sharks and Stingrays</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Open discussion among CPTPP members on opportunities, recommendations, and action items to continue fighting against the illegal trade of sharks and stingrays in the Trans-Pacific region.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sophie Yeoman, Senior Policy Officer, Rules and Sustainability, Trade Policy Negotiations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand</p> |
| 10 min | <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miguel Ángel Zerón Cid, Head of International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), Mexico</li><li>• Jeanne-Marie Huddleston, Director General, Bilateral Affairs and Trade Directorate, Environment and Climate Change Canada</li></ul>   |

