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Endangered sharks and rays get more protection

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

There is international agreement on the protection of 18 threatened species of sharks and rays. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) agreed on Sunday to give greater protection for the marine creatures from actions such as commercial fishing and hunting. Many of the threatened species are hunted for their meat and fins. Some of the species being protected are the world's fastest shark (the mako shark), wedgefishes and guitarfishes. Luke Warwick of the Wildlife Conservation Society said: "Sharks are vulnerable wildlife....Momentum is clearly building to ensure that these species, which have been around for 400 million years, continue to be around for future generations."

CITES is an international treaty established in 1973 to protect endangered animals and plants. It has been signed by 182 different states, plus the European Union. There was not widespread agreement at the weekend's meeting. The focus of the meeting was on protecting sharks. The number of sharks killed each year by commercial fishing is estimated at 100 million. One conservation group said this figure could be as high as 273 million. Forty countries disagreed that the mako shark was in danger. They argued that there was not enough evidence to show that the mako was disappearing as a result of fishing. The global shark fin market is estimated to be over \$1.2 billion.

Sources: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/world-s-fastest-shark-most-threatened-shark-to-get-new-protections-1.4564168>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-49466717>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/08/mako-shark-protections-cites/>

WARM-UPS

1. ENDANGERED SPECIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about endangered species. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

international / sharks / marine / creatures / fishing / wildlife / species / future / treaty / endangered / agreement / meeting / conservation / shark fin / estimated

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BAN: Students A **strongly** believe there should be a ban on fishing for sharks and rays; Students B **strongly** believe there shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CONSERVATION: How endangered are these animals? What can we do to protect them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How in danger today are	How we can help
Sharks		
Pandas		
Rhinos		
Frogs		
Bees		
Birds		

5. MARINE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "marine". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ANIMALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things we have to stop at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Eating animals
- Using animal fur
- Experimenting on animals
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Cloning
- Keeping animals as pets
- Farming

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. agreement | a. Of, found in, or produced by the sea. |
| 2. threatened | b. Make certain that something shall occur or be the case. |
| 3. marine | c. A negotiated deal between two or more people, businesses or countries to a course of action. |
| 4. fin | d. In danger. |
| 5. vulnerable | e. The parts of a fish or other marine animal that sticks out and helps it balance and change direction. |
| 6. ensure | f. Weak and easy to be attacked or harmed. |
| 7. generations | g. All of the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. treaty | h. Concerned with or engaged in business. |
| 9. established | i. A formally agreed upon and deal between countries that is acted upon. |
| 10. state | j. Found or distributed over a large area or number of people. |
| 11. widespread | k. The available number of facts or information showing whether a belief or proposition is true. |
| 12. commercial | l. Set up; started. |
| 13. evidence | m. Roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of something. |
| 14. estimated | n. A nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Over 20 different species will now be protected. **T / F**
- b. Many sharks die because people want to eat their fins. **T / F**
- c. Wedgefish and guitarfish are also on the protected species list. **T / F**
- d. Sharks have been on Earth for about 400,000,000 years. **T / F**
- e. The animal protection treaty in the article first started in 1953. **T / F**
- f. The treaty has been signed by 182 states. **T / F**
- g. Over 275 million sharks are killed every year. **T / F**
- h. The global shark fin soup market is worth over \$2 billion a year. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. international | a. animals |
| 2. threatened | b. predicted |
| 3. creatures | c. set up |
| 4. vulnerable | d. contended |
| 5. momentum | e. endangered |
| 6. established | f. proof |
| 7. widespread | g. global |
| 8. estimated | h. impetus |
| 9. argued | i. weak |
| 10. evidence | j. universal |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the protection of 18 | a. and fins |
| 2. marine | b. states |
| 3. hunted for their meat | c. fishing |
| 4. Momentum is clearly | d. creatures |
| 5. be around for future | e. building |
| 6. CITES is an international | f. to show that |
| 7. signed by 182 different | g. over \$1.2 billion |
| 8. commercial | h. generations |
| 9. there was not enough evidence | i. treaty |
| 10. estimated to be | j. threatened species |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

There is international (1) _____ on the protection of 18 threatened species of sharks and (2) _____. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) agreed on Sunday to give (3) _____ protection for the marine creatures from actions such as commercial fishing and (4) _____. Many of the threatened species are hunted for their meat and (5) _____. Some of the species being protected are the world's fastest shark (the mako shark), wedgefishes and guitarfishes. Luke Warwick of the Wildlife Conservation Society said: "Sharks are (6) _____ wildlife...Momentum is clearly building to (7) _____ that these species, which have been around for 400 million years, continue to be around for (8) _____ generations."

greater
vulnerable
hunting
future
rays
ensure
agreement
fins

CITES is an international (9) _____ established in 1973 to protect endangered animals and plants. It has been (10) _____ by 182 different (11) _____, plus the European Union. There was not widespread agreement at the weekend's (12) _____. The focus of the meeting was on protecting sharks. The number of sharks killed each year by (13) _____ fishing is estimated at 100 million. One conservation group said this (14) _____ could be as high as 273 million. Forty countries disagreed that the mako shark was in danger. They argued that there was not enough (15) _____ to show that the mako was disappearing as a (16) _____ of fishing. The global shark fin market is estimated to be over \$1.2 billion.

states
figure
meeting
result
treaty
evidence
signed
commercial

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

- 1) international agreement on the protection of 18 threatened species of _____
 - a. sharks and prays
 - b. sharks and frays
 - c. sharks and trays
 - d. sharks and rays
- 2) CITES agreed on Sunday to give greater protection for the _____
 - a. marine creature
 - b. marine creatives
 - c. marine creatures
 - d. marine creates
- 3) Many of the threatened species are hunted for their _____
 - a. meat and fins
 - b. meat and tins
 - c. meat and bins
 - d. meat and pins
- 4) Sharks are vulnerable wildlife....Momentum is clearly building _____
 - a. to insure that
 - b. to ensure that
 - c. to on sure that
 - d. two an sure that
- 5) have been around for 400 million years, continue to be around for _____
 - a. future generations
 - b. future generation
 - c. futurity generations
 - d. futurity generation
- 6) CITES is an international treaty established in 1973 to protect endangered _____
 - a. animals and plant
 - b. animals and plants
 - c. animal and plants
 - d. animal and plant
- 7) The number of sharks killed each year by commercial fishing is _____ 100 million
 - a. estimated it
 - b. estimated at
 - c. estimated that
 - d. estimate it at
- 8) One conservation group said this figure could _____
 - a. be as higher
 - b. be as highs
 - c. be as height
 - d. be as high
- 9) not enough evidence to show that the mako was disappearing as a _____
 - a. result off fishing
 - b. result of fishing
 - c. result by fishing
 - d. result a fishing
- 10) The global shark fin market is estimated _____ \$1.2 billion
 - a. to been over
 - b. to being over
 - c. tube over
 - d. to be over

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

1. How many species were protected by an international agreement?
2. What is the name of the international agreement?
3. What is the name of the world's fastest shark?
4. What did a conservationist say is clearly building?
5. For how many years have sharks been around?
6. When was the protection agreement established?
7. How many different states have signed up to the agreement?
8. What was the highest estimate for the number of sharks killed?
9. How many countries disagreed about a shark being in danger?
10. How much is the shark fin market estimated to be worth worldwide?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

- 1) How many species were protected by an international agreement?
 - a) 14
 - b) 16
 - c) 18
 - d) 20
- 2) What is the name of the international agreement?
 - a) CITES
 - b) SITEC
 - c) ITECS
 - d) ESTIC
- 3) What is the name of the world's fastest shark?
 - a) the reef shark
 - b) Bob
 - c) the great white
 - d) the mako
- 4) What did a conservationist say is clearly building?
 - a) a list
 - b) momentum
 - c) pollution
 - d) anger
- 5) For how many years have sharks been around?
 - a) about 4,000,000
 - b) about 40 million years
 - c) about 400,000,000 years
 - d) about 4 billion years
- 6) When was the protection agreement established?
 - a) 1963
 - b) 1973
 - c) 1983
 - d) 1953
- 7) How many different states have signed up to the agreement?
 - a) 176
 - b) 178
 - c) 180
 - d) 182
- 8) What was the highest estimate for the number of sharks killed?
 - a) 285 million
 - b) 273 million
 - c) 100 million
 - d) 27,300,000
- 9) How many countries disagreed about a shark being in danger?
 - a) 40
 - b) 60
 - c) 50
 - d) 20
- 10) How much is the shark fin market estimated to be worth worldwide?
 - a) around \$1.2 billion
 - b) exactly \$1.2 billion
 - c) just under \$1.2 billion
 - d) over \$1.2 billion

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Eating Animals

You think eating animals is the worst thing to do to animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worst of these (and why): keeping animals as pets, cloning or using animal fur.

Role B – Keeping Animals As Pets

You think keeping animals as pets is the worst thing to do to animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worst of these (and why): eating animals, cloning or using animal fur.

Role C – Cloning

You think cloning is the worst thing to do to animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worst of these (and why): keeping animals as pets, eating animals or using animal fur.

Role D – Using Animal Fur

You think using animal fur is the worst thing to do to animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worst of these (and why): keeping animals as pets, cloning or eating animals.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'shark' and 'ray'.

shark	ray
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18• give• meat• fastest• vulnerable• future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1973• 182• focus• 100• 273• market
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ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about endangered species in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ENDANGERED SPECIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'endangered'?
3. What do you know about sharks?
4. Why are sharks endangered?
5. How can we better protect sharks?
6. What do you think of shark fin soup?
7. What countries should do more to help marine life?
8. Should the hunting of sharks and rays be banned?
9. Do you think sharks have a long future on earth?
10. What would you say to people who fish for sharks and rays?

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ENDANGERED SPECIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'species'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important are wildlife treaties like CITES?
15. What do you think of the commercial fishing of sharks?
16. Do sharks have a good or bad image?
17. What three adjectives best describe this article?
18. What will our oceans be like in 100 years?
19. Would you do anything to help conserve sharks?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of CITES?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) of |
| 2. | (a) referred | (b) agreed | (c) acrid | (d) regarded |
| 3. | (a) is | (b) has | (c) was | (d) as |
| 4. | (a) of | (b) for | (c) from | (d) at |
| 5. | (a) rabble | (b) vulgar | (c) culpable | (d) vulnerable |
| 6. | (a) still | (b) roughly | (c) around | (d) circling |
| 7. | (a) established | (b) abolished | (c) polished | (d) replenished |
| 8. | (a) spreadable | (b) width | (c) widespread | (d) widens |
| 9. | (a) campaign | (b) notice | (c) advertising | (d) commercial |
| 10. | (a) figure | (b) figurine | (c) figurative | (d) figured |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) of | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) fin | (b) gin | (c) bin | (d) pin |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. There is international anetermg
2. the ontrciteop of 18 threatened species
3. aermni creatures
4. Sharks are lbnuearevl wildlife
5. muenommt is clearly building
6. be around for future ngnarsoetei

Paragraph 2

7. alseidsbeht in 1973
8. killed each year by olmicceram fishing
9. seitedatm at 100 million
10. One nooncvitraser group
11. Forty countries aresigded
12. there was not enough cniedeve to show that

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () a result of fishing. The global shark fin market is estimated to be over \$1.2 billion.
- () hunted for their meat and fins. Some of the species being protected are the world's fastest shark
- () CITES is an international treaty established in 1973 to protect endangered animals and plants. It has been
- () International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) agreed on Sunday to give greater protection for the marine
- () creatures from actions such as commercial fishing and hunting. Many of the threatened species are
- () been around for 400 million years, continue to be around for future generations."
- () by commercial fishing is estimated at 100 million. One conservation group said this figure could be as high
- () argued that there was not enough evidence to show that the mako was disappearing as
- (**1**) There is international agreement on the protection of 18 threatened species of sharks and rays. The Convention on
- () (the mako shark), wedgefishes and guitarfishes. Luke Warwick of the Wildlife Conservation Society said:
- () "Sharks are vulnerable wildlife....Momentum is clearly building to ensure that these species, which have
- () as 273 million. Forty countries disagreed that the mako shark was in danger. They
- () meeting. The focus of the meeting was on protecting sharks. The number of sharks killed each year
- () signed by 182 different states, plus the European Union. There was not widespread agreement at the weekend's

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

1. of of sharks . threatened 18 protection species The
2. the creatures . protection for Give marine greater
3. species Many hunted are threatened their for meat .
4. protected being Species world's the fastest include shark .
5. be Continue future to for generations . around
6. different been states . 182 by It signed has
7. by Sharks killed fishing . commercial each year
8. in that was shark the mako danger . Disagreed
9. to not show enough evidence There that . was
10. market over estimated is The be \$1 .2bn . to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species.html>

There is international agreement on the protection of 18 *threatened / threatening* species of sharks and rays. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) *agreed / agree* on Sunday to give greater protection for the *mariner / marine* creatures from actions such *like / as* commercial fishing and hunting. Many of the threatened species are *hunting / hunted* for their meat and fins. Some of the species *been / being* protected are *the / a* world's fastest shark (the mako shark), wedgefishes and guitarfishes. Luke Warwick of the Wildlife Conservation Society said: "Sharks are *vulnerable / vulgar* wildlife....Momentum is clearly building to *ensure / insure* that these species, which have been around for 400 million years, continue to be around for future *generation / generations*."

CITES is an international *threat / treaty* established in 1973 to protect endangered animals and *plant / plants*. It has been *signed / singed* by 182 different states, plus the European Union. There was not *wide span / widespread* agreement at the weekend's meeting. The focus *on / of* the meeting was on protecting sharks. The number of sharks killed each year by *commercial / commercially* fishing is estimated at 100 million. One conservation group said this *figurine / figure* could be as high as 273 million. Forty countries disagreed that the mako shark was *in / on* danger. They argued that there was not enough evidence to *proof / show* that the mako was disappearing as a result of fishing. The global shark fin market is *estimate / estimated* to be over \$1.2 billion.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ENDANGERED SPECIES: Make a poster about endangered species. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SHARKS: Write a magazine article about banning all fishing of sharks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on endangered species. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to protect endangered species. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. international | a. global |
| 2. threatened | b. endangered |
| 3. creatures | c. animals |
| 4. vulnerable | d. weak |
| 5. momentum | e. impetus |
| 6. established | f. set up |
| 7. widespread | g. universal |
| 8. estimated | h. predicted |
| 9. argued | i. contended |
| 10. evidence | j. proof |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 18
- CITES
- The mako
- Momentum
- Around 400 million years
- 1973
- 182
- 273 million
- 40
- Over \$1.2 billion

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The protection of 18 threatened species of sharks.
- Give greater protection for the marine creatures.
- Many threatened species are hunted for their meat.
- Species being protected include the world's fastest shark.
- Continue to be around for future generations.
- It has been signed by 182 different states.
- Sharks killed each year by commercial fishing.
- Disagreed that the mako shark was in danger.
- There was not enough evidence to show that.
- The market is estimated to be over \$1.2bn.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)