

Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Deep Sea Sharks in the NEAFC Regulatory Area from 2024 to 2027

The Commission hereby adopts the following Recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the NEAFC Convention:

1. Each Contracting Party shall prohibit vessels flying its flag in the Regulatory Area from directed fishing for deep sea sharks.
2. Contracting Parties shall submit all data on deep sea sharks available to ICES for further evaluation of the state of the stocks.
3. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national jurisdiction.
4. For the purposes of this Recommendation, 'deep sea sharks' means the following list of species:

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i>	Gulper shark
<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	Leafscale gulper shark
<i>Centroscyllium fabricii</i>	Black dogfish
<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>	Portuguese dogfish
<i>Centroscymnus crepidater</i>	Longnose velvet dogfish
<i>Dalatias licha</i>	Kitefin shark
<i>Etmopterus princeps</i>	Greater lanternshark
<i>Apristurus laurussonii</i>	Iceland catshark
<i>Chlamydoselachus anguineus</i>	Frilled shark
<i>Deania calcea</i>	Birdbeak dogfish
<i>Galeus melastomus</i>	Blackmouth dogfish
<i>Galeus murinus</i>	Mouse catshark
<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	Bluntnose six-gilled shark
<i>Etmopterus spinax</i>	Velvet belly
<i>Oxynotus paradoxus</i>	Sailfin roughshark (Sharpback)
<i>Scymnodon ringens</i>	Knifetooth dogfish
<i>Somniosus microcephalus</i>	Greenland shark

This measure shall be in force from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027.