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29 August 2012

Dear Ms Mrema

Re: HSI Australia and the CMS MoU on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks

We are writing with respect to the CMS Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks. We understand from the CMS Secretariat that there is the option for Humane Society International to become a Cooperating Partner to this MoU.

HSI Australia has been represented at every meeting where the MoU was discussed up to date and Alexia Wellbelove, HSI's Senior Program Manager will also be attending the upcoming first meeting of signatories in Bonn next month. Throughout this time we have strongly advocated for the importance and the need for this MoU under the auspices of CMS. Whilst we were disappointed that the MoU is not binding, we are continuing to actively engage in the ongoing process regarding this MoU, including the development of a conservation plan.

In addition, in November 2011 HSI Australia and the CMS Secretariat signed a partnership agreement recognising shared targets, and establishing a framework for cooperation on the development and implementation of CMS agreements, MoUs and action plans.

Given our significant commitment to date, we believe it would be appropriate to formalise this by signing onto the MoU as a Cooperating Partner. Alexia Wellbelove would be happy to undertake any formal process required whilst she is in Bonn for the first meeting of signatories.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Michael Kennedy
Director



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Bert Lenten
Deputy Director
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30 August 2012

Dear Mr. Lenten:

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HSI has been represented at every meeting where the MoU was discussed up to date and Rebecca Regnery, HSI's Deputy Director, Wildlife will also be attending the upcoming first meeting of signatories in Bonn next month. Throughout this time we have strongly advocated for the importance and the need for this MoU under the auspices of CMS. We are continuing to actively engage in the ongoing process regarding this MoU, including the development of a conservation plan.

Given our significant commitment to date, we believe it would be appropriate to formalize this by signing onto the MoU as a Cooperating Partner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kitty Block', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kitty Block

Vice President