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cc. Simon Harding

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Dear Heather,

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The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office launched a public consultation (10th November 2009 to 12th February 2010) on whether the Chagos archipelago and its surrounding waters should be protected.

http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/publications-anddocuments/publications1/consultations1/open-consultations

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Advice was requested by Heather Koldewey and Simon Harding (both of the Zoological Society of London, representing the Chagos Environment Network) for use in a consultation paper. Specifically, the IUCN Shark Specialist Group was asked to comment on 1) the benefits for sharks if the proposed British

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species, followed by blue, shortfin mako, threshers and hammerheads (Anderson and Hafiz, 2002). In February 2009, the Maldives shut down their reef shark fishery, and in February 2010 all shark exports from the country will be banned.

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c. Sri Lanka was once a major shark-fishing nation, but reported

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but you can't hide: the global status and conservation of oceanic pelagic sharks and rays. Aquatic Conservation 18: 459-482.

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