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I wish to lodge my protest at the proposal to ban fishing for, and occasional keeping of, Mako sharks. It has been shown from research that Australian waters do NOT suffer from a lack of these sharks and furthermore they are currently fished for in a responsible manner by recreational anglers, with very few actually kept for human consumption. I do agree that they should not be fished for in competitions or for records whereby there have been larger specimens killed.

I believe that the real problem with any worldwide shark population is from COMMERCIAL overfishing ie longline and net. I also believe that the barbaric practice of 'finning' sharks is a major contributor and steps should be made to totally outlaw it worldwide.

Regards, Darren Lay, Woodside, Victoria, Australia

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