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Humane Society International would like to express our delight at the addition of six great whale species (the Antarctic minke, Bryde's, fin, sei, sperm and pygmy right whales), the great white shark and the orca to the appendices of the Convention of on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

We congratulate the Australian Government for putting forward the proposals, and see the work that has been done, especially with regard to whale conservation and the ongoing campaign to see a permanent global ban on commercial whaling, as highly valuable.

HSI is also pleased to see the Great White Shark gain this level of international protection and hope that a CMS listing will contribute further towards the protection and conservation of this much-maligned fish.

HSI is keen to assist with input and attendance on any issue relating to wildlife and Australia's role in international fora.

Yours sincerely

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