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Senator Waters asked:

What species is the Government considering for nomination on the CITES Appendices at the next CITES meeting (COP17) in 2016?

Specifically, is the Government considering nominating the following species at the next CITES meeting?

- Nautilids (Allonautilus spp. and Nautilus spp.)
- Southern bluefin tuna, *Thunnus maccoyii*
- Long- and short-fin mako shark: *Isurus* spp.
- Mobula rays (Mobula spp.)
- Tope, school or soupfin shark: *Galeorhinus galeus*
- Gulper sharks: Family Centrophoridae
- Freshwater Stingrays: Family Potamotrygonidae
- Guitarfishes / Shovelnose rays: Family Rhinobatidae

Answer:

The Australian Government will finalise its position in 2016 regarding species nominations to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Appendices prior to the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa on 24 September 2016.

Meetings with stakeholders will take place as part of the Department of the Environment's consultation on proposals and COP17 preparations. These meetings will discuss the preparation process, share information and provide an opportunity to discuss nominations.

At this stage of the preparations the Government has not made any decisions regarding species nominations for COP17.