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NDP Fisheries Critic wants to keep illegal shark fins out of Canada

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Illegal shark fin imports to Canada should be banned, says New Westminster MP Fin Donnelly, who is also the NDP's critic for Fisheries and Oceans in Ottawa. According to a press release, Donnelly has launched consultations to look into legislation to keep illegal shark fins out of the country.

"The decline of sharks globally is a conservation crisis," said Donnelly. "The Canadian government needs to take a leading role in protecting sharks and promoting international ocean stewardship."

The trade is not regulated in some parts of the world, so it's hard to say which are obtained legally, according to Shark Truth founder Claudia Li, who is quoted in the press release. Seventy-five million sharks are killed each year worldwide.

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