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HYPERMART ENDS BABY SHARK SALE

Pictures on social media lead to outcry from scuba divers and activists

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A HYPERMARKET has pledged not to sell hammerhead shark after an outcry from scuba divers and activists.

Pictures of the premises selling the endangered species were shared on social media, prompting the hypermarket to apologise

and pledging not to sell the fish any more.

Monica Chin, co-founder of environmental advocacy group Blu Hope, said scuba divers wanted to see sharks swimming in the sea.

A study by the Australian Institute of Marine Science in 2018 said the shark-diving sector in Seporna was worth US\$6.4 million per year in tourism revenue and was linked to 796 jobs paying



A box of sharks, including a hammerhead shark, sold at a hypermarket in Kota Kinabalu recently. PIC COURTESY OF A READER

out US\$2.8 million per year in salaries.

"Many are willing to pay more to come to Sabah just to dive and see the sharks. However, in Sabah, we keep on counting dead sharks in markets.

"When I was tagged by the Facebook group of divers, I felt very upset to see dead baby hammerhead sharks being sold," she said, adding that she was glad that the hypermarket had heeded

advice to take the species off its shelves.

Chin, a diver, said with the hypermarket banning the sale of sharks, she hoped other players would follow suit.

She said shark meat was bad for health, especially for women, as it had high levels of mercury.

"Like I always tell my dive buddies, we are the eyes and voices of our ocean.

"I feel happy to see so many

scuba divers keen to protect sharks and are well aware of the importance of saving sharks.

"I hope the Fisheries Department will look into (changing) the laws on commercial fishing before it is too late, like what happened to our last rhinoceros."

In November 2019, Malaysia's last known Sumatran rhinoceros, Iman, died after an illness despite efforts to keep her alive for a captive breeding programme.