



Dear Restaurant Owner,

I am writing to you to request that you remove shark fin soup from your menu.

I acknowledge that this is a traditional Chinese dish and at the same time I think that it is necessary for all humanity to reflect on any aspects of our cultural heritage that may now be driving the extinction crisis. By deciding to stop the consumption of key species, such as sharks, we can all play our part in tackling biodiversity loss. Only then will we secure our planet's rich heritage for our children, grandchildren, and all future generations.

There is ample evidence in the daily news that our collective indifference to the consumption of wildlife will result in a much more difficult world for our children. We can not pretend we didn't know that our actions today would impact the lifestyles of tomorrow. It is time to reflect on:

***"We not only inherit the Earth from our ancestors,  
we borrow it from our children."***

Sharks are a keystone species, a species on which many other species in an ecosystem depend on. By removing sharks, we are negatively impacting the ongoing health of our ocean ecosystems.

I urge to you to read the letter I have enclosed, written by a marine biologist. Her words are very powerful:

***"The shark helps balance the ecosystem; if you kill ONE shark, you're killing hundreds of other marine species. Sharks are the heart of the oceans. These wonderful animals deserve our compassion. We are privileged to be their custodians and we must all take responsibility to ensure their survival in the wild."***

I hope you agree to stop selling shark fin soup at your restaurant. Removing shark fin soup from your menu is such a small sacrifice to make. But deciding to do this will be a big step forward in ensuring all our children live the same prosperous lifestyle we have been privileged to enjoy.

I thank you for your consideration.

Signed

Name:

Date:

State: