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### **Shark Alert at Speakers Corner**

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A local animal active group will speak out on the plight of shark on the Speaker's corner on the afternoon on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Louis Ng, Directors of Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES), will be giving speech on sharks role in ecosystem.

It will be one in a first few environment-related events at the civic space.

Million of sharks are killed for various reasons, such as for their meat to make shark skin leather and for shark fin soup.

Their liver oil is also harvested for use in cosmetic industry.

This week it also reported that an extremely rare mega-mouth was caught in Donsol the Philippines, and eaten.

About half of shark species are thought to be endangered.

"If sharks get wiped out, the whole ecosystem will collapse and ultimately, we humans will suffer, says Mr Ng.

The events will also feature a display of Jenga building blocks to signify the sharks are at the base of the marine ecosystem.

About 1000 people are expected to show up for the events, which will be held from 2pm to 5pm, Mr Ng said.

Founded in 2001 Acres has been vocal on other animal welfare issue as well, such as the illegal wildlife trade and dolphins in captivity.