```
    "shard" : "shard0004"
}
```

These documents store the range of values for the shard key that describe the chunk in the `min` and `max` fields. Additionally the `shard` field identifies the shard in the cluster that "owns" the chunk.

config.collections

Internal MongoDB Metadata

The `config` (page 738) database is internal: applications and administrators should not modify or depend upon its content in the course of normal operation.

The `collections` (page 740) collection stores a document for each sharded collection in the cluster. Given a collection named `pets` in the `records` database, a document in the `collections` (page 740) collection would resemble the following:

```
{
    "_id" : "records.pets",
    "lastmod" : ISODate("1970-01-16T15:00:58.107Z"),
    "dropped" : false,
    "key" : {
            "a" : 1
    },
    "unique" : false,
    "lastmodEpoch" : ObjectId("5078407bd58b175c5c225fdc")
}
```

config.databases

Internal MongoDB Metadata

The `config` (page 738) database is internal: applications and administrators should not modify or depend upon its content in the course of normal operation.

The `databases` (page 740) collection stores a document for each database in the cluster, and tracks if the database has sharding enabled. `databases` (page 740) represents each database in a distinct document. When a databases have sharding enabled, the `primary` field holds the name of the *primary shard*.

```
{ "_id" : "admin", "partitioned" : false, "primary" : "config" }
{ "_id" : "mydb", "partitioned" : true, "primary" : "shard0000" }
```

config.lockpings

Internal MongoDB Metadata

The `config` (page 738) database is internal: applications and administrators should not modify or depend upon its content in the course of normal operation.

The `lockpings` (page 740) collection keeps track of the active components in the sharded cluster. Given a cluster with a `mongos` running on `example.com:30000`, the document in the `lockpings` (page 740) collection would resemble:

```
{ "_id" : "example.com:30000:1350047994:16807", "ping" : ISODate("2012-10-12T18:32:54.892Z") }
```