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# WORKSHOPS

21st of October 2024



## VENUE A

10.30-12.00 Innovasea Fish Tracking – New Advancements in Acoustic Telemetry

Presenter: Andre Steckenreuter

13.30-15.00 How to use social media to talk about shark science and conservation, and why you should

Presenter: David Schiffman

15.00-17.00 Developing an Action Plan for tope shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) in the North East Atlantic

Presenters: Irene Kingma, Paddy Walker

## VENUE B

9.00-10.30 Amvrakikos Alliance - Working in a critical area for sharks and rays

Presenter: iSea - Martina Ciprian

12.00-13.30 Marine spatial planning and shark conservation in the Mediterranean

Presenter: WWF Med - Simone Niedermuller

17.00- 18.30 Young Conservationists in Chondrychthyan Research

Presenters: Roxani Naasan Aga Spyridopoulou

20.00-22.00 Icebreaker event

# CONFERENCE DAY 1

22nd of October 2024



- 8.00-9.00 Registration
- 9.00-9.20 Opening Speech
- 9.20-10.00 **Keynote Panel Biology and ecology of sharks, rays and chimaeras**
- 10.00-10.20 Coffee Break

## 10.20-12.35 **Session 1: Biology and ecology of chondrichthyans** Chair: Irene Kingma

- Eleanor Greenway Diet composition and niche partitioning of three skate species, *Raja clavata*, *R. brachyura*, and *R. montagui*, in the Northeast Atlantic
- Christelle Paillon Insight on trophic ecology of two commercial skates from the North East Atlantic
- Arthur Ory Does the use of new isotope tracers (CSIA) question the paradigm of ontogenetic diet change in the great white shark in North-East Pacific Ocean?
- Johann Mourier The secret life of grey reef sharks: a dive into the drivers of activity and emergence of foraging associations
- Agostino Leone New insights into the population genomic structure of the blue shark, *Prionace glauca*, in the North East Atlantic and within the Mediterranean Sea
- Noémie Coulon Elasmobranch vulnerability to global warming: insights from bioenergetic modelling of catsharks under climate scenarios
- Florenca Cerutti Vulnerability of Eastern Tropical Pacific chondrichthyan fish to climate change

- 12.35-14.00 Lunch break – Vote the best shark and ray handling and releasing video made by fishers (Main Venue)

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14.00-14.40 **Keynote Panel Bycatch and the socioeconomic importance of shark and ray fisheries**

14.40-15.00 **Coffee Break**

15.00-17.00 **Session 2: Fisheries**  
**Chair: Roxani Naasan Aga Spyridopoulou**

Irene Kingma I don't think it means what you think it means - Why it is important to use the right terminology when discussing shark and ray fisheries and management

Georgios Konstantinou Evaluating circle hooks to reduce bycatch in Cyprus' surface longline fisheries

Aitor Campos Sosa Preliminary pathological findings in post-capture angular roughshark (*Oxynotus centrina*) in the Mediterranean Sea

Sofia Graça Aranha Remote monitoring of the bycatch of demersal chondrichthyans using video imagery: a case study from a Portuguese deep-water crustacean trawler

Martina Ciprian Bycatch of threatened sharks and rays in Amvrakikos Wetlands National Park, Greece

Jack Renwick Elasmobranchs in UK fisheries review: stories from data

Charlotte Kell Trends and explanations in the mislabelling of elasmobranchs in Maltese fisheries

Alice E. Hall Angling for sustainability-tracking sharks and rays within the English Channel

David Jiménez Alvarado Saving the Guilty!! Are the sharks really the villains of this story?

17.00-17.15 **Coffee Break**

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17.15-19.30

## Session 3: Flat sharks

Chair: Ioannis Giovos

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|--------------------------|--|
| Tomás Bañeras            | Citizen science in action: 10 years of angel shark sightings map   |
| Kate Moses               | The relaunch of the Angel Shark Conservation Network (ASCN)  |
| Caroline Bousquet        | Collaboration with artisanal fishers to improve shark and ray knowledge in the Mediterranean Sea   |
| Ana Lúcia Furtado Soares | Angels of Angola: Smoothback Angelshark ( <i>Squatina oculata</i> ) reemergence  |
| Aylin Ulman              | Identifying potential critical angel shark areas in Türkiye, Eastern Mediterranean based on new records of <i>Squatina</i> spp. identified through fisher engagement |
| Yaara Grossmark          | Utilizing human-wildlife interaction data a game-changer for guitarfish conservation   |
| Christina Michail        | Integrating fishers' knowledge and scientific research for guitarfish conservation in Cyprus   |
| Eynav Cohen              | Characterising a potential nearshore nursery ground for the blackchin guitarfish ( <i>Glaucostegus cemiculus</i> ) in Ma'agan Michael, Israel                        |
| Jaime Penadés-Suay       | First tagging campaign for the study of the blackchin guitarfish ( <i>Glaucostegus cemiculus</i> ) in the gulf of Cadiz (South Spain, North East Atlantic)           |

19.30

Poster Session

-END OF DAY 1-

# CONFERENCE DAY 2

23rd of October 2024



8.00-9.00 Registration

9.00-9.40 **Keynote Panel Working in data-poor areas**

9.40-10.00 Coffee Break

## 10.00-12.15 **Session 4: New technologies**

Chair: Claudia Junge

Maia Griffith Quantifying shark behavior using drones and a modified application of a deep learning framework (SLEAP)

Ana Espino Ruano Tagging Spiny butterfly rays in the Canary Islands: a novel methodology to evaluate endangered species

Martina Spiga Metaprobes associated with demersal longline surveys allow monitoring of deep sea fish communities

Lennart Vossgetter Non-invasive methods characterise the world's largest tiger shark aggregation in Fuvahmulah, Maldives

Guuske Tiktak Genetic Identification of three CITES-listed sharks using a paper-based Lab-on-a-Chip (LOC)

María Pozo Montoro Project GuitarProtect: A new acoustic telemetry and community science network for the last guitarfishes of the western Mediterranean and other elasmobranchs of southeast Spain

Giorgio Fedele The SCUBA project: a multidisciplinary approach to study swimming behaviour in the scalloped hammerhead shark

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14.00-14.40 **Keynote Panel Policy framework and emerging tools**

14.40-15.00 **Coffee Break**

## 15.00-17.00 **Session 5: Policy and conservation**

**Chair: Alex Bartoli**

David Shiffman This research is important for the conservation and management of sharks: A framework for making that actually true

Lydia Koehler Tracking progress in shark governance in the Mediterranean Sea

Eva Meyers Conservation science and policy progress for angel sharks

Ali Hood Bridging gaps that hinder shark conservation: acting on the findings of an Atlantic policy analysis

Carlotta Mazzoldi Management strategies for demersal elasmobranchs in the Adriatic Sea: challenges and opportunities

Nathan Pacoureau Conservation successes and challenges for wide-ranging sharks and rays

Héctor Toledo Padilla Monitoring plan for angelshark conservation in the Canary Islands: strategies and implementation

Hettie Brown Stories from the Mediterranean and beyond: boosting conservation potential by increasing access to knowledge

Andrew Chin Changing tides: wins, losses, and emerging challenges for shark and ray conservation in Asia

17.00-17.15 **Coffee Break**

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17.15-19.30	<b>Session 6: Threatened species</b> Chair: Ali Hood
Primo Micarelli	Mediterranean White Shark – For how long?
Claudia Junge	Porbeagle are moving along – some to gain, some to lose
Desirée Grancagnolo	Common Eagle Ray aggregations in the Mediterranean Sea: distribution, characterization and potentiality for conservation
Charles Matthews	Nursery bays and hidden rays: Fourteen years of Bull Ray ( <i>Aetomylaeus bovinus</i> ) monitoring with insights from the Maltese Archipelago
Harriet Allen	The Great Eggcase Hunt: navigating insights amidst citizen science data limitations
Lotte Svengård Dahlmo	Horizontal movement phenotypes of the 'coastal' spiny dogfish ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> )
Maite Erauskin- Extramiana	Understanding blue sharks in the Bay of Biscay
Amaëlle Bisch	Modelling chondrichthyan spatial distributions within North-eastern Atlantic waters
20.30	Gala Dinner

-END OF DAY 2-

# CONFERENCE DAY 3

24th of October 2024

9.00-9.40 Keynote Panel Stimulating public engagement

9.40-10.00 Coffee Break

10.00-12.30 **Session 7: Biology and ecology of chondrichthyans II**  
Chair: Martina Ciprian

Roxani Naasan  
Aga -  
Spyridopoulou Distribution of Chondrichthyans in Greece

Ilija Cetkovic Filling the chondrichthyan-related gap in a developing country: a case study of Montenegro

R. Dean Grubbs Endangered smalltooth sawfish in South Florida (United States) and Andros (The Bahamas): population dynamics, habitat use and factors affecting recovery likelihood

Aviad Scheinin Summarizing nine years of shark tagging long-term research in the easternmost Mediterranean Sea

Carlo Cattano Interannual monitoring of the Sandbar shark aggregation around Lampione Island and description of unexpected ecological interactions

Leigh Livne First evidence of regional movements and habitat usage for gravid *Carcharhinus obscurus* (dusky shark) in the eastern Mediterranean

Chloe Renn Thornback ray habitat use in relation to spatial management measures in the Southwest UK

Gibbs Kuguru Genomic data reveals extremely low genetic diversity and inbreeding risk in Maldivian blacktip reef sharks (*Carcharhinus melanopterus*)

Alejandro J. Molera The accumulation of Pb and Cd in *Scyliorhinus canicula* (Linnaeus 1758) eggs: Biomonitor calibration and field implementation

12.30 Closing remarks

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