

Project Update: August 2017

April 2017 - July 2017 - This project was carried out with the support of the Galapagos National Park and the Galapagos Science Center (GSC).

From April 2017 we started with the second season of sampling and we kept monitoring sharks in the four coastal mangrove areas. We found fewer juvenile blacktips in all nursery grounds; this could be explained because of the change from the warm season (December - May) to the cold one (June-November). We think that sharks are moving to warmer waters but we need to confirm this in further analyses. Until now, we have 380 individuals that have been measured in all nursery grounds. Additionally, during our work we discovered the first putative nursery grounds for the endangered scalloped hammerhead shark. We believe that there may be considerable spatial overlap between the two species and will continue to develop this theme in the near future.

