

## Project Update: December 2016

With the support of the Galapagos National Park and the Galapagos Science Center (GSC), we have been monitoring four coastal mangrove lagoons: La Seca, Manglecito, Puerto Grande, and La Tortuga, twice a month until September 2016. We have been taking four measures of length, weight, sex, and a genetic sample from the dorsal fin. Twelve internal acoustic tags were placed in juvenile blacktips in La Seca. Under the auspices of the national park, we started using Floyd tags to easily recognise the recaptures. At the end of September 2016, data were downloaded from the array of receivers and exploration movements were registered. Monitoring on Kicker Rock Islet failed because of the fishing gear (line) that we were able to use; our target species was not caught. It has been decided not to monitor there. Referring to the educational component, shark conservation talks have been given to a primary school and at a symposium organised by GSC for the community of San Cristobal Island.



Children from a near school were invited to receive a talk about the importance of shark's conservation in the Galapagos Marine Reserve.