

## Project Update: March 2017

Since the beginning of the project we have been talking with fisherwomen and fisherman in Foça, Gökova and Iskenderun Bay. With our contacts in Iskenderun Bay we had the opportunity to promote our project and discuss with the academics in Cukurova University Faculty of Fisheries. Besides promoting, reaching out and strengthening the network we have obtain 37 individuals belonging to five species (*Rhinobatos cemiculus*, *Scyliorhinus canicula*, *Torpedo marmorata*, *Raja miraletus* and *Isurus oxyrinchus*). *Isurus oxyrinchus* was obtained from Gökova, and it was a male individual 94.3 cm in length and 426.45 g in weight. Besides obtaining new individuals we also started sending DNA samples to companies. In Foca, with the help of our network we had the opportunity to go to a trawling operation. The trawlers were very keen on learning about the species and they were really open. About the egg cases we only obtain one egg case tangled on a net.

