

Project Update: June 2017

As it is predicted by the project timescale, fieldwork activities had started along our coast. Until now, fishermen reports and fieldwork led us to 12 individuals of blue shark, one shortfin mako and one sandbar shark. One of the most important things is that we had confirmed spawning ground for blue shark in our coastal waters. Fishermen caught two new-borns in gillnets near the shore at two different places of our coast. Another proof is catching of pregnant female, which was gone into labour. Fishermen took a video and released it unharmed. Educational leaflets are printed out and distributed to the local fishermen community, so that helped us to get these data. One blue shark, found dead on longline, was donated to the University for Laboratory Exercises. At the fieldwork in front of Bar, we found juvenile blue shark, which was feeding on our sardine chumming (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9h66GxCsNM&t=8s>).



Measuring the Blue shark that is donated to the Department of Biology on the University.



Taking morphometric measures of the new-born individual caught in gillnet.