

## Project Update: November 2018

Project's fieldwork activities are almost finished. Up to now, during this and two previous projects, 555 individuals of nine shark species have been recorded. Project data are currently being processed and incorporated into the project study "Shark by-catch in Montenegrin fisheries: composition and abundance" which will be published and sent to national and international stakeholders by the end of the year.

Study is composed of biological data of found individuals, distribution data, socio-economics, relationships with fisheries and other collected information. It will be produced with the help of the colleagues from the NGO Environment Programme.

Moreover, one part of the project results will be presented on the upcoming General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) FishForum (10-14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Rome, Italy) conference with the poster presentation "Preliminary assessment of shark by-catch in pelagic fisheries of South-eastern Adriatic (Montenegro)". Organisation of the planned project workshop in November 2018 has been delayed until early 2019, after the publication of the mentioned study, instead of before as it was predicted firstly.

