

## Project Update: June 2019

Here are some project updates:

- Today we went to one of the scalloped hammerhead nurseries on 'Venecia Bay' along with park rangers from the Galapagos National Park and some volunteers as well.
- We tested different methods to catch baby hammerheads and found the most effective one, gillnets.
- We caught 10 baby hammerheads, and we obtained biopsy samples from them.
- Next week we will be conducting two more field trips with the Galapagos National Park and volunteers from the Charles Darwin Foundation.
- I will let you know the outcome of those field trips and also I will send photos from the field next week.

This research was approved by the Galapagos National Park Directorate (GNPD) as part of the research permit granted to Dr Pelayo Salinas de León from the Charles Darwin Foundation (Permit: PC-53-19). The methods used to handle the sharks were reviewed and approved by the Galapagos National Park Directorate committee responsible for assessing animal care in research activities.



A juvenile male scalloped hammerhead shark at Venecia bay. © Camila Arnés Urgellés



Taking in situ measurements of a juvenile scalloped hammerhead shark at Venecia bay. © Camila Arnés Urgellés



Galapagos National Park rangers and Charles Darwin Foundation volunteers at Venecia bay to sample juvenile sharks. © Camila Arnés Urgellés