

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER			
TIME	DAILY PROGRAMME		VENUE
08h30 - 09h15	BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR (BOOKING REQUIRED)		BTS
08h00 - 09h30	REGISTRATION		AUDITORIUM
09h30 - 09h45	OPENING & WELCOME		DR NATHALIE VILJOEN
09h45 - 10h30	KEYNOTE: DR ALISON KOCK	Securing the future of sharks in the blue economy: the importance of collaboration.	
	THEME: CONSERVATION & TELEMETRY		MARYKE MUSSON
10h40	ALISON TOWNER	Fear at the top: Killer whale predation on white sharks induces emigration and a shift in mesopredator composition in a South African embayment	
10h55	DR RYAN DALY	Refuges and risks for tiger sharks (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>) in South Africa's new Marine Protected Area seascape	
11h10	MEAGHEN McCORD	Spatial protections designed for charismatic species must consider habitat to benefit chondrichthyan biodiversity	
11h25	TEA BREAK - 25 MINS		
11h50	SILVANA GERMANA	Emerging technologies in acoustic telemetry: enabling sustainable use of our ocean ecosystem with real-time data	
12h05	DR RUTH LEENEY	Using local ecological knowledge to describe the historical distribution and current status of sawfishes (Pristidae) in Madagascar	
12h20	OLA LUNDEMO	A comparative study of spatiotemporal behaviour among two oceanic pelagic predators, <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Prionace glauca</i> , off South Africa	
12h35	DR TARYN MURRAY	Emerging movement patterns of data-limited stingray species	
12h50	LUNCH - 1 HOUR/BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR (BOOKING REQUIRED)		
	THEME: BIOLOGY/PHYSIOLOGY		ALISON TOWNER
14h00	DR GEORGINA COLE	Surgical implantation of acoustic transmitters and the physiological response to capture and tagging in a large batoid elasmobranch <i>Dipturus intermedius</i> (flapper skate) off the west coast of Scotland	
14h15	DR BRANDON SPOLANDER	Wound healing in pyjama shysharks (<i>Paroderma africanum</i>) post-surgery for sham Vemco tagging at the Two Oceans Aquarium	
14h30	KRISTINA NAIDOO	Transformation of the uterus in non-gravid and gravid <i>Carcharias taurus</i> (ragged-tooth) females along the east coast of South Africa	
14h45	MICHELLE CARPENTER	Behavioural functions of cephalic fins in a population of reef mantra rays (<i>Mobula alfredii</i>) in Zavora, Mozambique	
15h00	DR BJOERN SCHAEFFNER	Conservation of ancient relationships - elasmobranchs and parasites	
15h15	TEA BREAK - 25 MINS		
	THEME: FISHERIES		DR ALISON KOCK
15h40	MICHELLE LEE	Video monitoring in the South African demersal trawl industry and its use in monitoring elasmobranch communities commonly caught as bycatch	
15h55	DR HENNING WINKER	Can the IUCN Red List status of sharks be determined objectively?	
16h10	ISSAH SEIDU	Ecology, biology, socio-economic and supply chain characterisation of elasmobranch fisheries in Ghana's west coast	
16h25	DR CHARLENE DA SILVA	Update and review of the NPOA for Sharks - South Africa	
16h40	HOUSEKEEPING - 5 MINS		DR NATHALIE VILJOEN
16h45	POSTER SESSION		SKRETTING DIVERSITY HALL
18h30	WELCOMING EVENT		PREDATOR EXHIBIT

**TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER
DAILY PROGRAMME**

TIME	TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER DAILY PROGRAMME		VENUE
08h00 - 08h45	BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR (BOOKING REQUIRED)		BTS
09h00 - 09h15	WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		MARYKE MUSSON
09h15	KEYNOTE: DR RHETT BENNETT, DAVE VAN BEUNINGEN, MIKE MARKOVINA	Heading into deep water: Elasmobranch fisheries in the Western Indian Ocean, and the need for science-based conservation.	
	THEME: CONSERVATION & TELEMETRY		PROF PAUL COWLEY
10h10	SUMMER NEWTON	Pilot survey of an aggregation of endangered scalloped hammerhead sharks at Protea Banks on the east coast of South Africa	
10h25	DYLAN IRION	The great white shark count: Estimating the abundance of the white shark in southern Africa with a model integrating several long-term datasets - preliminary results	
10h40	DR RYAN DALY	Creatures of habit: Multi-seasonal residency patterns of an apex predatory shark (<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>)	
11h00	TEA BREAK - 30 MINS		
	THEME: SHARKS & HUMANS		SARAH WARIES
11h30	DR ENRICO GENNARI	A study of beach visitors' perceptions of shark hazard mitigation in South Africa	
11h45	MICHAEL HOARAU	Presentation of innovative solutions tested in Reunion Island towards the shark risk management	
12h00	FILIPPO BARGNESI	Attitudes and behaviour towards shark conservation among scuba divers	
12h15	TAMLYN ENGELBRECHT	Shark Spotters: Successfully reducing spatial overlap between white sharks (<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>) and recreational water users in False Bay, South Africa	
12h30	DR DAVID GUYOMARD	The preventive shark control programme of Reunion Island	
12h45	LUNCH - 1 HOUR/BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR (BOOKING REQUIRED)		
	THEME: SHARKS & HUMANS		DR ENRICO GENNARI
13h50	ZODIDI GWAYISE	Public perception and monetary values of the shark nets towards beach tourism at the Durban beaches	
14h05	PROF SÉBASTIEN JAQUEMET	Trophic ecology of tiger and bull sharks and shark risk management in Reunion Island	
14h20	AMANDA KHUZWAYO	Catch trends of whitespotted wedgefsh (<i>Rhynchobatus djiddensis</i>), caught in the KwaZulu-Natal bather protection programme	
14h35	MEAGHEN McCORD	The protection of chondrichthyan biodiversity in an expanding South African ocean economy	
14h50	SARAH WARIES	Automated Shark Spotting: Exploring the development of a low-cost computer-vision based shark detection system for fixed cameras	
15h10	TEA BREAK - 30 MINS		
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THEME: GENETICS & IDENTIFICATION		MEAGHEN McCORD
15h50	TAMARYN ASBURY	Marine forensics: A molecular tool for trade monitoring and compliance in southern African fisheries, focussing on commercially exploited elasmobranch species
16h05	DR JULIANA KLEIN	Investigating reproductive philopatry in a coastal shark by integration of genetic and tag-recapture data
16h20	KATIE GLEDHILL	Species identification of threatened wedgefish (Rhinoidea: <i>Rhynchobatus</i>) in the western Indian Ocean
16h35	MICHAELA VAN STADEN	Species delineation among two southern African endemic sandsharks, <i>Acroteriobatus annulatus</i> and <i>Acroteriobatus blochii</i>
16h50	DR SARA ANDREOTTI	Did Nicole get lost? Population connectivity between white sharks from South Africa and Australia
17h05	HOUSEKEEPING - 5 MINS	
17h10- 18h25	SCREENING OF OUR OCEANS - SHARK SANCTUARY	
19h00 - 23h00	SHARK NIGHT - BUY TICKETS ONLINE	
		DR NATHALIE VILJOEN
		AUDITORIUM
		I&J OCEAN EXHIBIT

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER DAILY PROGRAMME		
TIME	VENUE	
08h00 - 08h45	BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR (BOOKING REQUIRED)	
		BTS
09h00 - 09h15	WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
		DR NATHALIE VILJOEN
	WORKSHOP 1	
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09h15	KATIE GLEDHILL	IUCN Species Assessment workshop
10h45	TEA BREAK - 45 mins	
	WORKSHOP 2	
		MARYKE MUSSON
11h15	MIKE PERK - CO-FOUNDER OF HEAVYCHEF	How not to suck at presenting (all delegates)
12h30	LUNCH - 1 HOUR/BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR (BOOKING REQUIRED)	
13h30	MIKE PERK - CO-FOUNDER OF HEAVYCHEF	How not to suck at presenting (registered students only)
15h00	HOUSEKEEPING	
		DR NATHALIE VILJOEN
15h10 - 16h25	SCREENING OF OUR OCEANS - SHARK SANCTUARY	
		AUDITORIUM
19h00 - 23h00	GALA DINNER	
		I&J OCEAN EXHIBIT