

# Shark Count Galapagos is Counting on You!

Galapagos Scientists and Park Rangers need <u>your</u> help to monitor populations of marine species in the Galapagos Marine Reserve (GMR).

Using **Shark Count Galapagos**, you can make important contributions to our understanding of Galapagos marine ecosystems by recording the number of sharks, sea turtles, rays and ocean sunfish you encounter during your dives.

All data collected through

Shark Count is shared with
the Galapagos National Park
Directorate. As more and more
data is collected, Shark Count
will help decision makers better
manage the GMR and dive
tourists to know when and where
they are likely to observe different species.



App Homepage



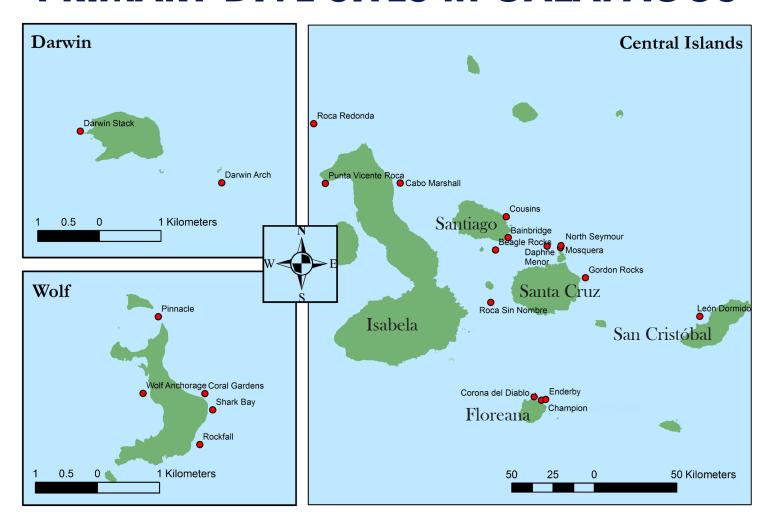
ID Guide

#### Here's how it works:

- #1: Download the free Shark Count Galapagos App at the Apple Store or www.sharkcount.org and set up your account.
- #2: During each dive, take notes on the number of each species observed and record other noteworthy observations, such as water temperature, water clarity and any unexpected occurrences during the dive.
- #3: After your dives, enter your observations into Shark Count.
  An internet connection is not necessary if you have already set up your account; data will automatically upload when internet connectivity is restored.
- #4: Add photos from each dive after you have submitted your observations, by viewing your submissions under the "Recent Dives" menu item.
- #5: View visualizations of all data on Shark Count by visiting the "Counts" option or "Maps."

### WWW.SHARKCOUNT.ORG

### **PRIMARY DIVE SITES in GALAPAGOS**





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**Galapagos Conservancy (GC)** is the only organization based in the US that is focused exclusively on protecting the unique ecosystems and biological integrity of the Galapagos Islands. For more than 30 years, GC has worked with Galapagos-based, national, and international organizations and individuals to ensure high-quality and productive scientific research needed for policy, decision making, and conservation management, and to support key management institutions working in Galapagos to help ensure that they remain strong and effective. GC's core programs are:

Giant Tortoise Restoration
Wildlife and Ecosytem Restoration
Education for Sustainability

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For more information, visit sharkcount.org