



## **Balearic Shark and Ray Conservation Meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Palma de Mallorca, Balears (Spain)**

**Centre Flassaders,**

**Carrer de la Ferreria, 10, 07002 Palma**

Sharks, rays and chimaeras are under serious threat around the Mediterranean. At present, it is estimated that at least 53% of the sharks, rays and chimaeras native to the Mediterranean Sea are at risk of extinction and require urgent action to conserve their populations and habitats: 20 species of sharks and rays are listed critically endangered and another 18 species are also threatened.

The Balearics are no exception. Its waters are home to several species of sharks and rays some of which such as the angel shark or the guitarfish have nearly disappeared.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November we will have an opportunity to bring together experts and representatives from multiple sectors to learn and talk in depth about the species that inhabit the Balearic waters, their conservation status, the pressures they are subject to and what we can do to revert this trend. This meeting aims at laying the foundations of a “Shark and Ray Conservation Plan for the Balearic region”.

The meeting is organized by Marilles Foundation and the IUCN-Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation.

**Venue: Centre Flassaders (Carrer de la Ferreria, 10, 07002 Palma)**

**Registration:** book your place by sending an email to [ana.pena@marilles.org](mailto:ana.pena@marilles.org)

(no need to do so if you are attending IUCN Med Shark Ray conference 4-6th November)

**Languages:** Presentations will be in Spanish with simultaneous English translation.

### **9:30 – 10:00 OPENING**

*Consellera Mae de la Concha, Fisheries and Agriculture Regional Minister of the Balearic Islands*

*Maria del Mar Otero, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation*

*Aniol Esteban, Director Marilles Foundation*

### **10.00 – 11:30 WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE USED TO HAVE**

10.00 – 10:30 Sharks and Rays of the Balearic Sea (Biel Morey, Save the Med)

10.30 – 11:00 Looking backwards: an overview of changes in shark and ray population (Toni Grau, Fisheries directorate, Balearic Government)

11:00 – 11:30 Pressures on sharks and rays: linking species mortality with fishing gear (Semilla, TBC)



**11.30- 12:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**12:00 – 13:30 CONSERVATION OF SHARKS AND RAYS**

12.00 – 12:30 Angel shark conservation in the Canary Islands (David Jimenez, Angel Shark Project)

12.30 – 13:00 Innovative techniques and methods for shark research (Julia Santana, IMEDEA-CSIC)

13.00 – 13:30 Laying the foundations of a shark and ray conservation plan for the Balearic region (TBC)

**13.30 – 13:45 FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS**

**13.45 – 14:00 CLOSING WORDS**

**14:00 DEPARTURE**

**Note: this programme is subject to last minute changes**