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## Dutch Caribbean Shark Week

The Save Our Sharks project will organize the third Dutch Caribbean Shark Week from June 3-11, 2017, simultaneously on six Caribbean islands and in the Netherlands. The week will be filled with activities and events taking place in Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius, and the Netherlands. All activities are set up to highlight sharks and their importance for the oceans. Throughout the week there will be various fun and educational activities, including treasure hunts, shark quizzes, beach walks, diving trips, lectures, film nights and cocktail parties.

An entire week filled with science and educational fun. For example, in the Netherlands you can join an eggcase hunt, shark tagging on the North Sea, a movie premiere, a treasure in the Royal Burgers' Zoo, and children visiting Sea Life Scheveningen can test their knowledge about sharks with a special shark quiz. On Curaçao, activitesis for both adults and children are organized in collaboration with the local marine aquarium and the Sambil shopping center. On St. Maarten, there will be several shark themed events and actual shark dives. In addition, schools on the islands will have class visits from shark experts. On Bonaire, the Junior Rangers made a film about the coral reef and at the



Washington Park Museum a shark exhibition is set up where children will be trained to become an ambassador for sharks. On Aruba, the visitor center of the Arikok national park is decked out with shark info and on Saba, the entire island involved in the week. On St. Eustatius, the shark week will literally be the center of attention with a large shark headquarters in the middle of Oranjestad. And this is just a fraction of the total program. All activities are meant for young and old and for existing and new fans of these special and valuable animals.

### Jörgen Raymann

Project Ambassador Jörgen Raymann will visit the Caribbean islands during Dutch Caribbean Shark Week, and on Aruba and Curacao, he will perform his latest show, "Zo Kan Het Ook" (in Dutch) as a contribution to the local marine conservation organizations.

After more than three years, Raymann is back on stage with a solo

program. Raymann is turning 50 this year and although his looks may have changed since his thirties, he has not reached his midlife crisis. Or has he? He has reached that age where everything is just a little different than before. You never thought that getting older could be fun? According to Raymann, it can. Getting older is okay, your marriage can get more enjoyable over the years and life gets even better than before! For one evening, come philosophize with mister Raymann and let go of the madness that was your day. Raymann says life will laugh at you, as long as you dare to laugh back at it! Tickets for the shows on Aruba and Curacao can be purchased locally.

For more information about the events and programs, visit [the website](#) or follow @SaveOurSharksNL on social media.

# Show us why you love sharks!

Sharks have always had a bad image. People tend to view them as bloodthirsty monsters that spend their time preying on swimmers and surfers. Yet, the opposite is true. Sharks are usually shy animals that like to keep their distance when diving with them. So for man, they are usually pretty harmless. But they are really important for maintaining the natural balance in their ecosystem. And for many divers, the chance to encounter sharks is a definite reason to travel to places where they occur, which in turn feeds tourism and the economy. So there are plenty of reasons to become a shark fan. Sharks, however, are threatened with extinction, something that their reputation does not help.

You can help improve the image of sharks with the “I Love Sharks” selfie challenge, with which you show why you love sharks. A better image will contribute to better protection. And that’s exactly what the sharks need.

**Will you take on the challenge? Then follow these three simple steps:**

1. Think of why you love sharks or choose one of the reasons that we filled in.
2. Take a picture of yourself with the printed “I Love Sharks” sign from below.
3. Post the picture with your reason on social media using the hashtag #ILoveSharks



We will post a gallery of the best pictures on our social media, so if you don't just want to help, but also take your claim to fame, then make an effort.

On all the events during [Dutch Caribbean Shark Week](#) in the Netherlands, you can take and share your photo in the special *I Love Sharks* selfie booth.

You can also show your support for sharks and our campaign by adding the I Love Sharks cover to your profile picture on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

## Shark Quinty hiding out

The 3,4-meter long female tiger shark Quinty, which was tagged with a satellite tag on the Saba Bank in October 2016, has since traveled more than 1200 kilometers on the way to Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados. But ever since March 11, no signal has been received from her transmitter.

Quinty was tagged during a scientific expedition on the Saba Bank, where several tiger sharks were equipped with satellite tags. Initially, shark Quinty swam southward within the island chain, then went further off the coast and returned to the south of St. Vincent and the Grenadines back through the island chain. After that she stayed east and north of the island of Tobago for a considerable amount of time, before swimming up to Barbados. Since then, however, she has disappeared from the radar and the tiger shark has not been seen at the surface for several weeks now. This probably means that she's currently spending her time at depth, otherwise the satellite would have picked up her location. Another possibility is that the satellite transmitter has broken, meaning it can no longer transmit the signals.

The team is now eagerly waiting for a new signal of Quinty's location. We will keep everyone informed about the situation.



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