A BIG THANK TO ALL NATIONAL
PARK STAFF, ALL YOUNG AND OLD
PARTICIPANTS, ALL ORGANISERS AND
OF COURSE OUR FUNDERS FOR YOUR
AMAZING COMBINED EFFORTS DURING
FOUR YEARS OF SHARK WEEK!

The 'Save Our Sharks' project is an initiative of the Dutch

Caribbean Nature Alliance and is made possible by funding

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Shark Week is the highlight of a year of extensive shark conservation work in the entire Dutch Kingdom and an integral part of DCNA's three year commitment to shark conservation, funded by the Dutch Postcode Lottery called "Save Our Sharks".

Shark week was used to kick start the Save Our shark Project and this year was the fourth time that shark conservation has been celebrated week-long throughout the Kingdom, on all six Dutch Caribbean islands and in the Netherlands.

Once again Shark Week was a tremendous success filled with activities and events highlighting sharks and focusing on the importance of sharks for our oceans. There were a multitude of fun and educational activities, including shark exhibitions, movie nights, school presentations, beach cleanups, art auctions, treasure hunt, games and a color run.



# "SHARK CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY OCEANS AND THIS AFFECTS US ALL!"

Jorgen Raymann



Our shark exhibit at the Visitors Center of the National Park featured informational posters on shark species, research, biology, ecology, importance and threats. There were shark cutouts, a diver selfie booth and a coral reef display created many dimensions for visitors to experience. There was also a Scavenger hunt available to lead visitors through the exhibit and a station for our coloring competition. The grand opening of the Shark exhibit was on the first day of Shark Week in the presence of our ambassador Jorgen Raymann and many Junior Rangers. The exhibit was kept for the summer months to allow for everybody to come to enjoy and learn.



SHARK EXHIBIT WITH SCAVENGER HUNT, OPENING BY JORGEN RAYMANN.



# ARUBA



### PROMOTIONAL SAVE OUR SHARKS MOVIE CLIP WITH JUNIOR RANGERS

During the opening of the exhibit. Fundacion Parke Nacional Arikok's Junior Rangers helped spread the word by contributing greatly with positive shark messages for our video on Facebook. This video was viewed by many people (4000+) and shared a lot too (60+).



LIVESTREAM SHARK QEA ON FACEBOOK

During Shark Week, FPNA hosted a Livestreaming. The Livestream was to allow for people to ask Shark experts Giancarlo Nunes (Research & Conservation Manager, FPNA) and Miranka van Breugel anything about sharks. There was a nice group of followers throughout the session with some interesting questions that led to good live conversation.

## HERE'S SOME OF THE QUESTIONS TO ALSO REFLECT THE BROADNESS OF TOPICS DISCUSSED:

#### Remco Liem

I am Aeon and have a question:
Is it dangerous for a dog to swim in the sea?

#### Josh Tromp

What must onshore (rock) fishermen do if they have a shark or ray on the line? And the same for boat fishermen.

#### Mary M. Tromp

Nice! A lot of information! And glad to hear there are seven different species of sharks in our seas!

#### MOVIE NIGHT WITH KAHOOT

FPNA hosts monthly open air movie nights surrounded by nature. The Shark themed movie night was a great finish to this Shark Week. There were two informational documentaries showed, "This is you Ocean" and "Sharkbait" with a Kahoot Quiz in between. This was the best visited movie night so far for the National Park with over 200 visitors.

### Stella Croes

"Last night I was there. An excellent movie night. Again!! A good movie with a lot of alarming information and also very valuable. Congrats and keep up the great work of bringing great movies for us to watch. Congrats once again!"



#### SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS ON SHARKS

The next generation loves to learn about sharks. During school presentations the kids show their interest by asking many questions. There is something mystical about the beautiful shark and these kids now know they do not have to be afraid and why and how they can do their share to help shark conservation.





# 'Save our Sharks Bonaire' launch on 3 local television channels and social media of a short movie showing the Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV\*) research methods.

A collaboration between STINAPA research unit and local fishermen who took the researchers out for BRUV drops around the waters of Bonaire.

\* The BRUV is a system that records any shark or fish that is attracted to the bait rigged in front of the video camera's

# BOMBE



'SAVE OUR SHARKS BONAIRE'
HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/273584771

Julia Marisol Martinus (STINAPA Junior Ranger commander):

"Everybody needs to know what's happening in our oceans, how to protect it and what we can do as a community to move into a better direction than what we are doing right now. If everyone knows about this and we pass the information on to others and invite people to attend activities like Save our Sharks Night or the STINAPA Junior Ranger Program if you are 12-13 years old; That's the way to move forward."

### SHARK AMBASSADOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM



All primary school group 8 children (approximately 300) visited the Washington Park Shark room in order to become Shark Ambassadors. They also viewed the Save our Sharks Brūv movie and did the Big Bang timeline to get a better understanding of how long sharks have been around on Planet Earth.



#### SHARK NIGHT

Big public event with games, Save our Shark movie, Shark presentation by STINAPA staff, a shark art auction, games and goat soup, of which the movie premiered on local television at the end of August. https://vimeo.com/284747399



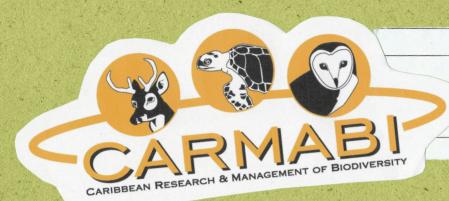
STINAPA's Shark week. Shark night and Junior Ranger programs are very good. I have kids myself and they are growing up. I am hoping that if we continue to conserve our nature, that they will be able to enjoy the benefits of nature as we and the generations before us did. If we don't take care of it now and if these types of programs don't exist, I think that there is a big chance that nature will be gone. If you take a look at the world, the world is changing. There is a lot going on, global warming is already affecting us. The more effort we put into it, the bigger the chance that the next generation can enjoy it as well.

Brian Albus (Bonaire Tour operator)



Multiple quizzes about shark fact for the STINAPA junior rangers, with sponsored prizes from our stakeholders.





IT WAS SHARKTASTIC!

GREAT EVENTS WHICH WILL HAVE A

FOLLOW-UP! WE HAD THE CHANCE

TO REACH A VARIETY OF PEOPLE.

Highschools (vsbo/havo/vwo) had the opportunity to make SharkArt. Each school got a wooden shark model and they were asked to make art, to express the beauty of sharks or the problems they are facing. Also four local artist made SharkArt from the same wooden model. It was a huge succes, it had a lot of exposure in newspapers and social media.

During our sharkweek the visitors could vote for the best three SharkArt-results.



SHARKART CONTEST 2018

## HICH-OFF

# CURACA

World Ocean Day was the kick off for the SharkWeek. We had a fun Happy Hour and screening of the movie "A Plastic Ocean" on the beach of Carmabi. A lot of people (over 280) were a part of this event. During this event the visitors voted for the SharkArt, could see the SharkArt from the artists and got information in our Marine Education Center. The movie made great impact: "how is it possible we use indestructible material for single use items". Many visitors told us it was a great event and asked us to organize this more often.





Mini-symposium for local havo/vwo schools (Radulphus College and Kolegio Alejandro Paula). During 2 mornings we invited highschool VWO students (VWO 4 and 5) at Carmabi. We explained our local environmental issues and the marine ecosystem (also with videos of the niche of Sharks in this system) and the students had to make legislation/ laws (as if they are government) to protect our marine nature. Very interactive program which already has a spin off.

The education department of Carmabi already went to schools with this program, and for next schoolyear it will be a part of our regular program. It is made for the higher classes (15-18 year olds), but it is also modified for 12-14 year olds.

Open House Marine Education Center (MEC). During this Open House, visitors could visit our Education Center, we had entertainment for kids, educational games about sharks, live animals to explain the food chain, etc. There was more interest in the educational part of sharks that we expected. Visitors (adults and kids) really wanted to see videos, get information and buy educational books.

### OPEN HOUSE MARINE EDUCATION CENTER





Besides the activities above, we invited preschool children, primary school children, we had our Shark Information Booth at different locations on the island (Sambil shopingmall including our shark scavenger hunt, Mambo beach boulevard, etc). But I also want to mention other important things we achieved; we worked together with other organizations (like Limpi Curacao made the key chain merchandise, Waitt Institute Blue Halo participated in the mini symposium), made a structural program for high schools as a spin off of the mini symposium at sharkweek and we got a lot of ideas for future projects.











#### COLOR RUN

A fun yearly event that challenges young and old to participate in the run.

Something fun that we see on many other countries and we are happy to bring the color run to the island of Saba.







# SABA

#### TRIVIA NIGHT

A fun night with a lot of new facts about sharks.

A fun and interactive way to learn about sharks and brings nice discussions to the table about how people think about sharks.



#### DOMINO'S NIGHT

One of our biggest nights!

Even people from St Eustatius came over to Saba to join the dominos competition. Very fun and super fanatic teams!



### OBSTACLE RUN

"It was a good idea to incorporate gymnastics/
movements for different age categories while at the same time learning about sharks."

"Hectic! But very nice for the younger kids.

### MOVIE NIGHT

"Who doesn't appreciate David
Attenborough's voice while
showing us the most beautiful
creatures of the see of this
week: SHARKS!"

"Always something new to learn about the sea when watching BBC blue planet II"



#### ISLAND WIDE TREASURE HUNT

This consists of the Shark
Crew hiding laminated shark
cutouts all around the island.
The public has 1 week to find
as many as they can. For each
shark found they are entered
into a raffle for a prize. Very
popular with the general public.

#### LAUNCH NIGHT

Presentation and welcome speech by SOS project leader for Statia Ms Jessica Berkel. Then an opportunity to pose questions and have a discussion on sharks.

Well attended.







# ST. EUSTAUS

#### SHARK DAY

Huge tent set up in the middle of town with information, demonstrations, games etc.





This is a race around the island for teams. They must complete tasks, answer riddles and get back first to the finish line. The race ends with a big barbecue and drinks for the teams and the general public.





THE AMAZING SHARK RACE

RADIO SHARK INFO QUIZ

Two hours of shark info and call in quiz questions to win sharky prizes. Hugely popular, many calls come in.



Prize giving, quick quiz for prizes, barbecue and drinks.

Very well attended.

"You all must stop saying it's the last Shark Week. You have to do it again"

"I like the radio quiz. I learned a lot.
I might try to go to the beach again"

### GENERAL PUBLIC QUOTES

Jessica Berkel	1898
"I like Shark Week because it's an opportunity	
to engage the public about something most	
people are very passionate about. Usually	
people already have their minds made up	
about sharks so it's nice to give them a different perspective"	



#### Melanie Meijer zu Schlochtern

"It looks like Shark Day is getting more popular every year, however this year is the last year of funding through the 'Save our Sharks' project. We hope we are able to find a way to continue funding for this great event, as it is getting very famous on St Maarten"

The Shark and Ocean Art Exhibition was the kick off of St Maarten's Shark Week and was held at the Axum Art Cafe in Philipsburg on Friday the 8th of June. Twenty-three different art works which showcased the beauty of our oceans and sharks in a very creative way were showed during the exhibition. All art works were made by local artists and were of high quality and very diverse, including a beautiful submission from a seven year old artist. The event was successful and well attended



SHARK AND OCEAN ART EXHIBITION



# ST. MARTEN



KIDS SHARK DAY

On Saturday the 9th of June, the Nature Foundation organized a very successful Shark Day for children at Buccaneer Beach Bar, which was attended by about 100 kids. The kids had great fun and learned everything about sharks through games, quizzes and activities. Kids could even be a real scientist by learning everything about shark research and tagging. During the event 23 kids attended the special Shark and Art Workshop from Carla Templeton and made beautiful art on specialized tiles, creating the opportunity for the kids to work on their art skills while considering sharks.







### SHARK PRESENTATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS

From the 11th until the 15th of June several elementary schools have been visited to educate children about sharks and their importance to both the natural and human environment. The Foundation visited the following five schools; Sister Regina, Leonald Connor, Learning Unlimited, Oranje School and the Ruby Labega School. The Shark Crew from the Nature Foundation taught about 600 students everything about sharks. The students learned about the different shark species, the importance of sharks for our reefs and tourism, depletion of sharks and why they need our help.





#### SHARH WEEK RUM TASTING

The Nature Foundation organized an excellent Shark Week Rum Tasting Event at Buccaneer Beach Bar on the 16th of June, about hundred people joined the Shark Week event. The Rum Tasting was the closing party of St Maarten's Shark Week and was sponsored by Buccaneer Beach Bar and Bacardi Rum and glasses were distributed by CC1 St. Maarten. While drinking rum or non-alcoholic beverages people could learn about sharks from the shark crew or watching videos and several shark species had their own banner with information to read. During the event, a beautiful shark painting has been auctioned by Soc from Island 92; the anonymous buyer will receive eternal fame for its support to the Nature Foundation.



#### ADOPT A SHARK

During all events the public had the possibility to get involved into shark research and tagging on St Maarten, through adopting or naming a shark. Tagged Sint Maarten sharks could be named, as many of them had no name yet. People had to possibility to also adopt a shark and learn about shark research, the adopted shark will be measured and tagged with a PIT and Floy tag by the Nature Foundation, as soon as the shark is tagged updates and pictures will be sent to them. During the events fourteen sharks were adopted and eight sharks were named.







## SHARK EXHIBITION OPENING IN SEAL CENTRE PIETERBUREN

Seal Centre Pieterburen opened their new education room, which was made with the support of Save Our Sharks, during the Save Our Sharks week. Since than the education room is open for all visitors of Seal Centre Pieterburen. The exhibition is focused on two shark species that live in the Wadden Sea: the Tope shark and Smooth\_hound. The room was opened on the first Friday of the Dutch Caribbean Shark week with a symposium including presentations on the biology and protection of sharks in the Dutch Kingdom and beyond.



# HE WETHERLANDS





#### SHARK DAY AT THE CEUVEL

Peter Brouwers gave a workshop at the Ceuvel on shark drawings on the last day of the Dutch Caribbean Shark Week. Afterwards the visitors could participate in a shark scavenger hunt and a remote control shark fin boat race and enjoy music and shark cocktails. At the end of the day the impressive documentary "Racing Extinction" was shown, presenting artists and activists in their mission to reveal to the world the illegal trade in threatened species.

#### SHARK SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE ROYAL BURGERS' ZOO

During the Save Our Shark week all young visitors of Burgers' Ocean could participate in a special Save Our Sharks scavenger hunt. Questions about sharks and shark protection made them in a playful way aware on why sharks are important and what they could do themselves to support shark conservation. They had a chance to win great prices by handing in their answer forms they. More than a thousand children have submitted their answers and were in the running for the prices.



#### LECTURE AT ECOMARE TEXEL

On Tuesday the 12th of June 2018
Linda Planthof gave a lecture on
"Sharks in the Netherlands - more
than you expect!" at Ecomare on
Texel. The lecture was announced
in the Noordhollands Dagblad with
a full-page interview and
well attended.





On Saturday Save Our Sharks went with a group of ten participants on two boats to search for sharks in the North Sea. In Zeeland sport fishers collect Smooth-hounds that are measured and when possible tagged and safely released. The enthusiastic group caught en registered more than 20 Smooth-hounds in one day.

CATCHING SHARKS IN THE NORTH SEA

