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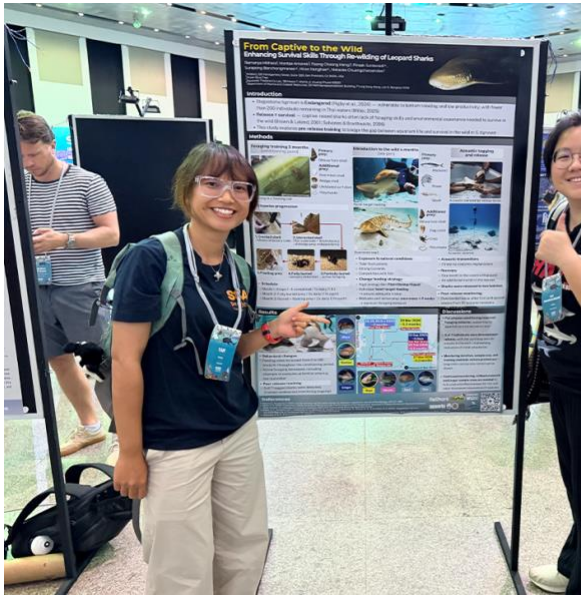
Happy World Oceans Day to you all! It's been a while since the last ReShark Ramblings, so quite a bit to report on here. Without further ado:

ReShark at Sharks International 2026

In early May, ReShark was well-represented at the Sharks International conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka. We began the week with an all-day workshop on elasmobranch rewilding, held in collaboration with our colleagues (Dr. Charlotte Hopkins and her students) from the University of Hull, with nearly 100 participants.

ReShark was also featured in the poster sessions and in a [presentation session](#) on shark rewilding on the final day of the conference - with 15 ReSharkers presenting and participating in the conference.

Overall it was a great showing for ReShark, and we collectively initiated a wide range of discussions with scientists and conservationists interested in launching new affiliate projects in countries as diverse as Fiji, the Maldives, Bahrain, Israel and South Africa - stay tuned for more developments on that front! Thanks to everyone who participated and did such a fine job of representing ReShark at this international conference!



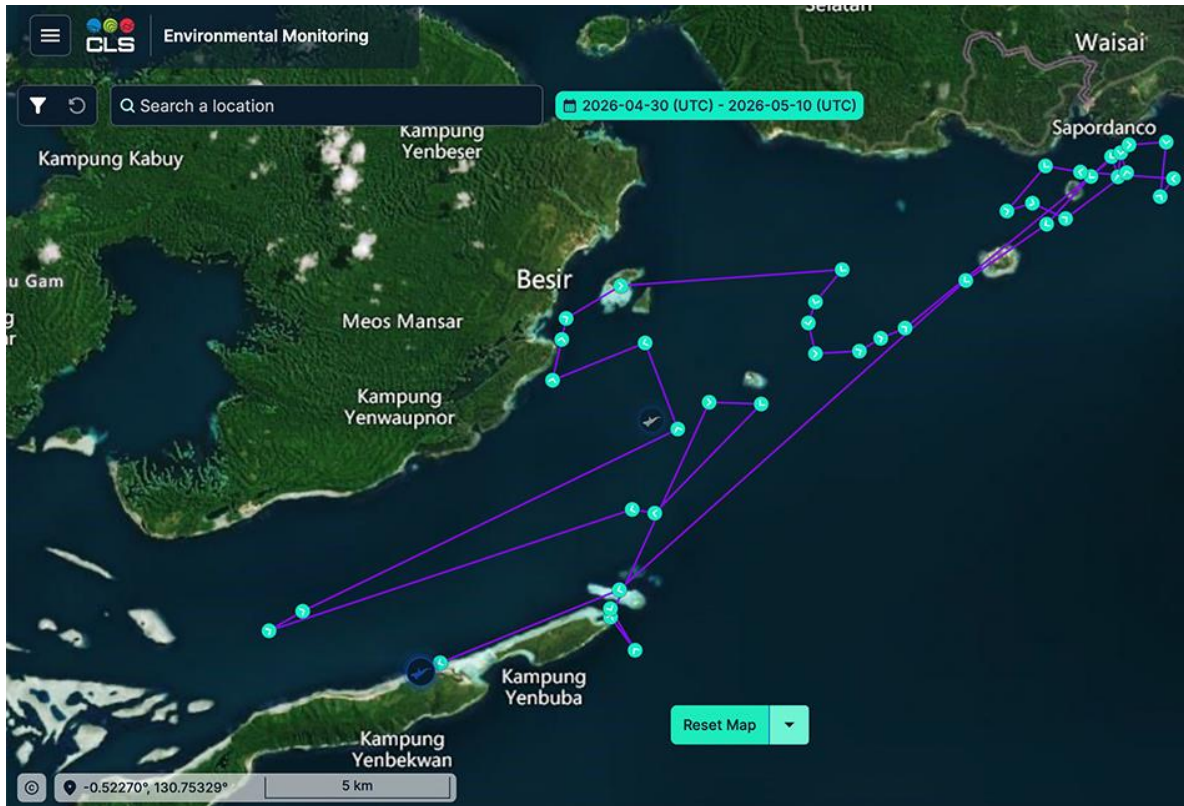
Djinda, Jeff and Pickle - free at last, and sporting world-first finmount satellite tags

Just before leaving for Sharks International, Nesha and I were delighted to work with the shark nannies at the RARCC nursery in Raja Ampat to release Djinda, Jeff and Pickle - our 69th, 70th, and 71st pups released in Raja Ampat. Importantly, Djinda and Pickle were the world's first leopard shark pups to trial a new dorsal finmount satellite tag - the SPOT-S-433A solar-powered tag from Wildlife Computers!

Our colleagues at WC engineered and 3D-printed a custom saddle to carry the tiny satellite tags, which Nesha and the shark nannies affixed to the dorsal fins of Djinda and Pickle. The tags worked absolutely brilliantly, providing real-time data on the movements of the pups after their release. Pickle's tag lasted 4 days before coming off, while Djinda's made it 12 days before releasing; while these were relatively short deployments, we're extremely pleased with the results (see map below of their movements in the first 2 days post release). Nesha purposefully attached these tags with a crimp designed to corrode off quickly (to ensure the pups were not left with unwanted bling for a long period), but now that we've seen how well these tags performed, she'll attempt a 1 month or longer deployment with the next set of pups slated to be released in late June.

While Jeff was released without a flashy tag, he nonetheless delighted our team by returning to the nursery daily for over a week after his release. Each day he'd arrive on the falling tide and swim around the sea pen a few times, during which time the shark nannies would toss him some tasty fish morsels for his efforts. After 10 days he decided to move on - though we're hopeful we'll see Jeff again soon!





Two days' of data from Djinda and Pickle - indicating a fair bit of time spent on the surface!

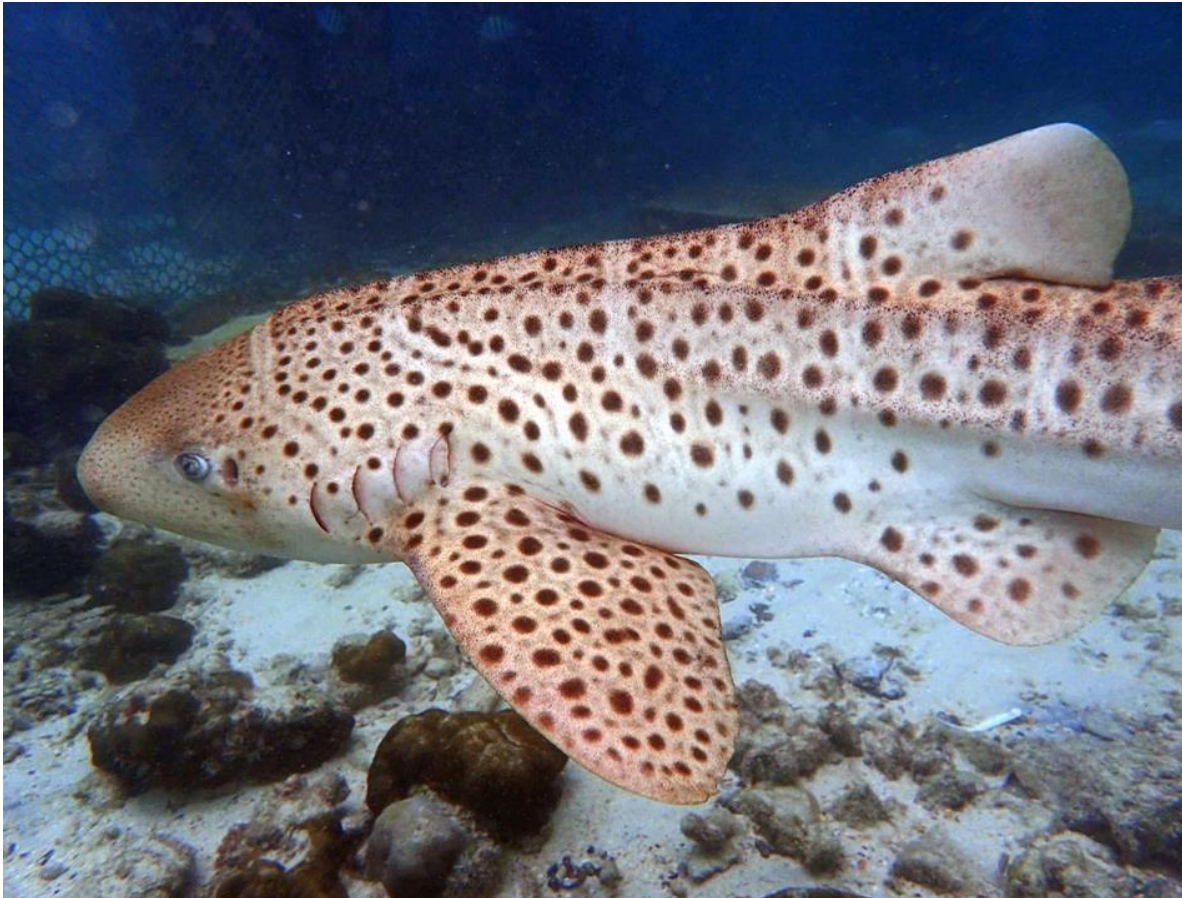
Similan, Maiton and Hope record movements on StAR Thailand acoustic array; Similan resighted after 8 months post release!!

In April the StAR Thailand team did their semi-annual download of their acoustic receiver array and were delighted to find that three of the released pups (Similan, Maiton and Hope) pinged a number of the receivers in the array. Similan was recorded on 4 receivers over a 6.5 month period, during which time he covered at least 130km; Maiton was also recorded on 4 receivers over about a 3 month period and covered at least 75km, while Hope covered at least 121km over a nearly four month period, during which time she pinged 3 receivers. Hope moreover recorded a 45km swim in a single day!

Just like the pups in Raja Ampat, the Thai pups are clearly in serious exploration mode during the first few months post-release! We are absolutely thrilled to not only see these movements, but to have firm evidence of good survivorship of the pups post release for these periods of time.

Perhaps even more exciting, upon her return from Sharks International, May was greeted with fantastic news - a citizen scientist diver in Thailand [video'd Similan swimming around a dive site](#) - 8 months after his release! Not only does

this extend our longest resighting period for Thailand to 8 months, it also allows us to see how the spot pattern on Similar developed over those eight months' post release. Exciting stuff!



MicroPAT satellite tag data from Leah, Abam and Shishino

In Raja Ampat, three more microPAT satellite tags reported back from pups released in March, including Leah, Abam and Shishino. Abam and Shishino moved approximately 28km to the south of their release at Kri Island, popping their tags near the mangrove bays of northern Batanta Island. Leah, meanwhile, swam nearly 200km to the SW, popping her tag in the Nampale “blue water mangroves” off northwestern Misool Island.

The team in Raja Ampat has now deployed 16 microPAT satellite tags on pups in Raja Ampat, and have received valuable data back from 12 of these tags - including horizontal movements of 25-450km and numerous dives over 100m depth. Importantly, the majority of these tags, which were programmed to pop

off 1-3 months post-release, showed distinctive movements of our pups towards mangrove ecosystems - which is in keeping with field observations from Australia, where most leopard shark pup sightings come from mangrove areas. As we move towards real-time finmount satellite tags on our pups, we hope to soon understand more about how they are using the mangrove ecosystems - stay tuned!



Leah, shortly before her release and impressive 200km swim westward!

Dr. Sylvia Earle and Indonesian Minister of Tourism visit the RARCC nursery

May was indeed a busy time at the RARCC nursery in Raja Ampat - not only were the shark nannies there receiving eggs and feeding and releasing pups, they also hosted high level visits by a range of luminaries, including renowned ocean explorer and marine conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle and her colleagues from the IUCN Patrons of Nature, Ibu Mari Pangestu (Indonesian President's Special Advisor for International Trade and Multilateral Cooperation), and the Indonesian Minister of Tourism Widiyanti Putra Wardhana. Well done to

Mardia, Aenun, Annisa and Yolanda and their interns for successfully hosting these important visits!



201 eggs shipped to Indonesia since launch of StAR Indonesia

StAR Indonesia reached an important milestone last week with the importation of 16 more leopard shark eggs from Singapore Oceanarium - now surpassing 200 eggs received in Raja Ampat since August 2022! In late April the RARCC nursery also received a triple shipment of 22 eggs from the US (Aquarium of the Pacific), Australia (SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium) and Singapore (Singapore Oceanarium). Six of these eggs hatched last week as well, so the RARCC nursery is now literally

bursting with activity - with over 30 eggs incubating, six tiny newborn pups hungrily eating jetty snails, and 18 larger pups (including Bertie, Cap, Hap and Antoine - all over a meter in length) growing and preparing for their respective releases. In the meantime construction on the new Misool nursery continues apace!



Upcoming World Oceans Month media featuring ReShark

Finally, I'll urge you all to keep your eyes open for a number of exciting media releases featuring ReShark this month. On 8 June, World Oceans Day, the "Ocean Dreams" IMAX film - which has a prominent feature of ReShark in Raja Ampat - opens in selected theaters. You may catch the trailer for the film on [YouTube](#), and an [article](#) as well.

Next, on the 18th of June, our friends at Sea Legacy will release a short feature film on ReShark on YouTube. The trailer and the film will launch on 18 June, and we're very pleased with how Cristina Mittermeier and her team covered ReShark. ReShark's social media channels will be promoting the film as well, so look out for it. Finally, CNN International will also be releasing a digital article

on ReShark in the near future - again, Nat will be amplifying this via ReShark's social media channels.



That's it for now - next Ramblings will report upon our planned releases of Hap, Cap, Bertie and Antoine in late June in Raja Ampat. Til then, be well!

Warm regards,

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