



PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS  
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European Elasmobranch Association (EEA)  
Annual Conference, Bristol UK,  
October 28–30<sup>th</sup> 2016

<b>FRIDAY</b>		
08:30	Registration	Registration opens
09:20	Introduction	<b>Conference welcome and Session 1 [ALI HOOD &amp; COLIN SIMPFENDORFER]</b>
09:30	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> Ellis, J.	The evolution of elasmobranch assessment and management with data-limited dilemmas.
10:15	Hetherington, S.	New frontiers - collaborative partnerships to reduce Spurdog by-catch and dead discards.
10:20	Richardson, J.	New directions - supporting sustainable shark fisheries
10:25	<b>COFFEE</b>	
11:00	Introduction	<b>Session 2: Skates and rays [Session Chair: PADDY WALKER]</b>
11:05	Montgomery, D.	Temperature preference and thermal niche of the Southern Stingray <i>Dasyatis americana</i> in The Bahamas.
11:20	Cadwallader, H.	Intertidal feeding of rays – are all sandflats created equal?
11:35	Bendall, V.	Biological observations and spatio-temporal movements of the Common Skate <i>Dipturus batis</i> complex in the Celtic Sea.
11:40	Gordon, C.	tbc
11:45	Sousa, I.	Assessing the effectiveness of small MPAs for the recovery of an endangered elasmobranch - the Undulate Ray <i>Raja undulata</i> .
12:00	Openshaw, M.	Diver observations of individually recognisable <i>Raja undulata</i> provides detail of their site fidelity.
12:05	Simpson, S.	Diel vertical migration in benthic predators.
12:20	Rambahiniarison, J.	Life history and reproductive biology of four mobulid species in the Bohol Sea, Philippines.
12:35	Greenway, E.	Environmental enrichment on captive juvenile Thornback Rays <i>Raja clavata</i> (Linnaeus 1758).
12:40	Hemida, F.	Annotated list of the batoids from off the Algerian coast.
12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 3: Fisheries Management [Session Chair: DEAN GRUBBS]</b>
14:05	Heupel, M.	A moving target: marine protected area conservation of reef sharks.
14:20	Sims, D.	The Global Shark Tracking Project: worldwide analysis of movements, space-use, hotspots and fisheries interactions.
14:35	Walker, P.	The Amsterdam Effect: multiple stakeholder cooperation for successful management of sharks and rays.
14:50	Lea, J.	Management implications of partial migration by Tiger Sharks in the Northwest Atlantic.
15:05	Dureuil, M.	Predicting natural mortality in elasmobranchs.
15:20	Planthof, L.	Sharks at risk? Ecological risk assessment and shark productivity in the Dutch Caribbean.
15:25	Vierus, T.	Characterising a potential multi-species shark nursery area in a tropical estuary in Fiji.
15:30	<b>COFFEE</b>	
16:05	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 4: Deep-water sharks and related species [Session chair: COLIN SIMPFENDORFER]</b>
16:10	Bird, C.	Uncovering the migratory behaviours of deep-water sharks and the implications for fisheries management.
16:25	Besnard, L.	Sexual maturity of the Velvet Belly Lanternshark <i>Etmopterus spinax</i> in the Northeast Atlantic.
16:40	García-Salinas, P.	Ontogenetic changes in the Velvet Belly Lanternshark <i>Etmopterus spinax</i> in the Balearic Sea: implications on the taxonomy of the genus.
16:45	Pinte, N.	Study of the swimming capabilities of <i>Etmopterus spinax</i> , the Velvet Belly Lanternshark inferred by muscle enzyme activities.
16:50	Rodriguez-Cabello, C.	Distribution and ecology of <i>Hexanchus griseus</i> in the Cantabrian Sea (NE Atlantic).
16:55	Housiaux, J.	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i> in Aotearoa, New Zealand.
17:00	<b>Close</b>	<b>Presentations conclude</b>
17:00	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	
18:30	<b>RECEPTION</b>	

<b>SATURDAY</b>		
08:30	Registration	Registration opens
09:20	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 5: Elasmobranchs under threat: Sawfish, angel sharks and guitarfish [Session Chair: ALI HOOD]</b>
09:30	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> Grubbs, D.	Trophic cascades and Cownose Ray scapegoats: <i>Save the Bay - Eat a Ray</i> and the effects of confirmation bias on elasmobranch conservation.
10:15	Meyers, E.	Catching angels: habitat use, population structure and growth rates of juvenile Angelsharks <i>Squatina squatina</i> in a nursery area.
<b>10:30</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	
11:00	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 5 (continued) [Session Chair: JIM ELLIS]</b>
11:00	Simpfendorfer, C.	Environmental DNA detects Critically Endangered Largetooth Sawfish in the wild.
11:15	Jung, A.	Can all roads lead to sawfish? Experimental eDNA sampling for sawfish is in coastal seawaters, a preliminary work in western Africa.
11:20	Nicholls, E.	Endangered species are ten a penny.
11:25	Brigaudeau, C.	Sawfishes: how to fight rostrums illegal trade. Tools used against this French internet black market supported by MEsR-Scie Project.
11:30	Osaer, F.	Angelshark-ID: Photo-identification as a non-invasive monitoring tool.
11:45	Barker, J.	Launch of an Action Plan to ensure Angelsharks in the Canary Islands are abundant and protected in their unique stronghold.
11:50	Jiménez Alvarado, D.	Developing the best method to minimise the impact of recreational fishing in the Canary Islands for the Critically Endangered Angelshark.
11:55	Moore, A.	Guitarfishes: can learning from the sawfish disaster prevent a similar fate?
12:00	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 6: General papers [Session Chair: CLAUDIA JUNGE]</b>
12:05	Coelho, R.	Local indicators for global species: the case study of the Cabo Verde pelagic sharks captured within the EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements.
12:20	Thorburn, J.	A multi-disciplinary study of Tope <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> in the Northeast Atlantic: site fidelity, seasonal movements and connectivity.
<b>12:35</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:05	Letessier, T.	Identifying the last refuges for sharks.
14:20	Ormond, R.	The Cayman Islands Shark & Ray Sanctuary: research and public awareness inputs.
14:35	Eduardo Becerril-García,	White Sharks' presence and behaviour related to the ecotourism at Guadalupe Island, México.
14:50	Jewell, O.	Biotelemetry reveals complex interactions between White Sharks and ecosystem engineers.
15:05	Hughes, B.	Automated White Shark photo identification: towards an international fin-printing database.
15:10	Das, D.	Filling in the blanks: a new baseline for sharks and rays in the open ocean.
15:15	Torres, P.	Dead or alive: the growing importance of shark diving in the Mid-Atlantic region.
15:20	Zidowitz, H.	Records of rare chondrichthyan fishes in the North to the Baltic Sea.
15:25	Jeffers, V.	Trialling smartphones for improved fisheries data collection and monitoring - lessons learned from Madagascar.
15:30	Dhellemmes, F.	Does personality reflect space use in wild juvenile Lemon Sharks?
<b>15:35</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	
16:00	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 7: Dentition, feeding habits and parasites [Session Chair: DAVID SIMS]</b>
16:05	Flammensbeck, C.	Of teeth and trees: fossil tip-dating the phylogeny of squaliform sharks.
16:20	Martin-Lázaro, A.	New data about vascularisation and histology in neoselachian teeth based on computed tomography.
16:35	Underwood, C.	Development and evolution of the cutting dentition of dogfish (squaliform) sharks.
16:50	Komoss, N.	Diet composition and trophic position of juvenile Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks in a nursery area at Viti Levu, Fiji.
17:05	Fraser, G.	Evolution and development of shark tooth regeneration.
17:10	French, G.	The tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth: ontogenetic shift dynamics in the White Shark.
17:15	McLennan, L.	A new method for dietary discrimination in elasmobranchs.
17:20	Pearce, J.	Dogfish parasites: which factors impact upon this host-parasite interaction?
17:25	<b>Close</b>	<b>Presentations conclude</b>
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	

<b>SUNDAY</b>		
09:00	Registration	Registration opens
09:20	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 8: Progress in elasmobranch conservation [Session Chair: MICHELLE HEUPEL]</b>
09:30	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> Suddaby, D.	Tuna tales: using market levers to transform fisheries management.
10:15	Lawson, J.	Conservation planning for flat sharks
10:25	Fordham, S.	tbc
10:35	Fowler, S.	tbc
10:45	Hood, A.	GFCM - what the Med could do for elasmobranchs.
10:55	<b>COFFEE</b>	
11:15	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Session 8 (continued) [Session Chair: ALI HOOD]</b>
11:20	Ponzo, A.	Using non-invasive survey methods to assess the abundance and biodiversity of elasmobranch species at Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, Philippines.
11:35	McCoy, E.	1000 Whale Sharks in the Philippines. Reaching a conservation milestone in time of peril.
11:40	Leurs, G.	Spatio-temporal distribution of Caribbean Reef Sharks <i>Carcharhinus perezii</i> and Nurse Sharks <i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i> in the waters of Saba, Dutch Caribbean.
11:45	Barash, A.	Facebook, the next frontier - using divers and fishermen's posts in social media to collect data on sharks and rays distributions.
11:50	Kingma, I.	Earth, wind and fire - a holistic approach to elasmobranchs conservation.
11:55	Jacoby, D.	Vulnerability of reef-associated sharks connecting the world's largest marine protected area.
12:10	Sant, G.	Fishing to extinction? How to assess sharks at risk of overexploitation.
12:25	<b>Close</b>	<b>Conference closes</b>
<b>12:25</b>	<b>LUNCH WILL BE SERVED</b>	