

Project Update: June 2016

This is my first update of my research so far. Its now June 22nd 2016 and we have only just finished the underwater mapping for my research. This brought many challenges, as the underwater surge is quite strong at Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area. We have had to change the methodology of the research around a fair bit in order to keep the research diving both safe and efficient.

The ragged tooth sharks are arriving now, although they seem to be a bit late this year. The males usually start arriving late May but this year only started arriving around early June. The females have not yet arrived, but will hopefully start arriving soon. We believe that the water is still a little too warm for the sharks and so will start moving in more when the water cools down a little bit more. Once the females arrive they will start heading to the research site cave where they will start their breeding season. Once this happens I can start getting the footage that we are looking for.



