

# sharklife

Master Shark Diver

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## Overview:

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The Master Shark Diver programme is designed to take students along an adventurous path to a well rounded understanding of sharks, their habitats and behavioral characteristics. Each course allows the student to encounter a distinctly different species of shark and in doing so develop a broader understanding of the species and the marine environment as a whole.

## Structure:

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Students need to complete the Ocean Conservation module and 5 of the available shark specialties to attain Master Shark Diver status. In addition to this a minimum of 30 logged elasmobranch (shark or ray) dives need to be shown.

## Specialties:

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Description	Diver level	Location	Seasons
Ocean Conservation Module	N/A	Anywhere	N/A
Module 1 - Whale Shark	Snorkeller	Sodwana/Tofo	Oct - May
Module 2 - Ragged-tooth Shark	Open water	Sodwana/Aliwal	July - Feb
Module 3 - Manta Ray	Advanced*	Tofo/uShaka	Oct - May
Module 4 - Tiger Shark	Advanced	Aliwal	All year
Module 5 - Bull Shark	Advanced	Ponta da Ouro	Oct - May
Module 6 - Blacktip Shark	Advanced	Aliwal	All year
Module 7 - Great White	Snorkeller	Gaansbaai/Cape Town	All year

\* The manta ray dive can be conducted at uShaka marine world by open water level divers.

## Specialties Overview:

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### Ocean Conservation Module

#### Topics:

Chapter 1 Project Aware

coral reefs, the coastal zone and more...

Chapter 2 Sustainable Seafood

overfishing, bycatch and more..

Chapter 3 The Shark Species

evolution, reproduction and more...

Chapter 4 Shark Conservation

fear vs fact, threats facing sharks and more..

#### Structure:

This comprehensive introduction to ocean conservation and the shark species requires 3+ hours of lectures.

This can be split over 2 nights if need be. No dives needed.



#### Materials incl:

1. Master Shark Diver file
2. Shark tooth sample sheet
3. Chapter 1 - 4 content
4. Sharklife certification card

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### Module 1 Whale Shark

#### Topics:

Chapter 1 Whale shark taxonomy and classification

Chapter 2 Whale shark distribution and habitats

Chapter 3 Whale shark biology

Chapter 4 Whale shark behaviour

Chapter 5 Whale shark conservation

Chapter 6 Diving with whale sharks

#### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the whale shark species.

There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours.

This is then followed by a dedicated whale shark interaction snorkel dive.



#### Materials incl:

1. Whale shark content
2. Identification slate
3. Sharklife certification card

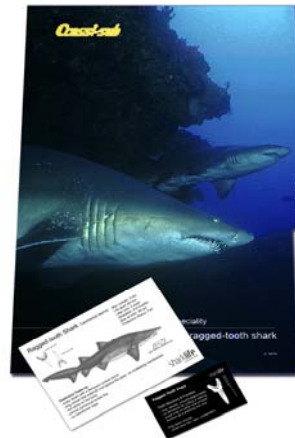
## Module 2 Ragged-tooth Shark

### Topics:

- Chapter 1 Ragged-tooth shark taxonomy and classification
- Chapter 2 Ragged-tooth shark distribution and habitats
- Chapter 3 Ragged-tooth shark biology
- Chapter 4 Ragged-tooth shark behaviour
- Chapter 5 Ragged-tooth shark conservation
- Chapter 6 Diving with Ragged-tooth sharks

### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the Ragged-tooth shark species. There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours. This is then followed by 2 dedicated Ragged-tooth shark interaction dives at your chosen destination



### Materials incl:

1. Ragged-tooth shark content
2. Identification slate
3. Sample tooth
4. Sharklife certification card

## Module 3 Manta Ray

### Topics:

- Chapter 1 What is a Ray
- Chapter 2 Manta ray taxonomy and classification
- Chapter 3 Manta ray distribution and habitats
- Chapter 4 Manta ray biology
- Chapter 5 Manta ray behaviour
- Chapter 6 Manta ray conservation
- Chapter 7 Diving with Manta rays

### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the Manta ray species. There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours. This is then followed by 2 dedicated Manta ray interaction dives at your chosen destination.



### Materials incl:

1. Manta ray content
2. Identification slate
3. Sharklife certification card

## Module 4 Tiger Shark

### Topics:

- Chapter 1 Tiger shark taxonomy and classification
- Chapter 2 Tiger shark shark distribution and habitats
- Chapter 3 Tiger shark shark biology
- Chapter 4 Tiger shark shark behaviour
- Chapter 5 Tiger shark shark conservation
- Chapter 6 Diving with Tiger sharks

### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the Tiger shark species. There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours. This is then followed by 1 dedicated Tiger shark interaction dive at Aliwal shoal



### Materials incl:

1. Tiger shark content
2. Identification slate
3. Sample tooth
4. Sharklife certification card

## Module 5 Bull Shark

### Topics:

- Chapter 1 Bull shark taxonomy and classification
- Chapter 2 Bull shark distribution and habitats
- Chapter 3 Bull shark biology
- Chapter 4 Bull shark behaviour
- Chapter 5 Bull shark conservation
- Chapter 6 Diving with Bull sharks

### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the Bull shark species. There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours. This is then followed by 2 dedicated Bull shark interaction dives at your chosen destination



### Materials incl:

1. Bull shark content
2. Identification slate
3. Sample tooth
4. Sharklife certification card

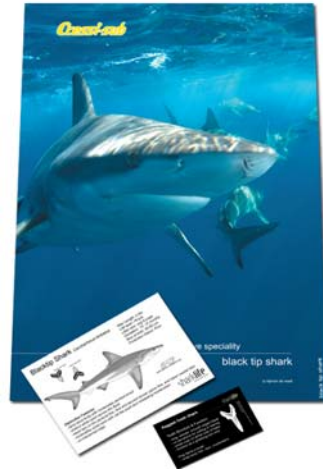
## Module 6 Blacktip Shark

### Topics:

- Chapter 1 Blacktip shark taxonomy and classification
- Chapter 2 Blacktip shark shark distribution and habitats
- Chapter 3 Blacktip shark shark biology
- Chapter 4 Blacktip shark shark behaviour
- Chapter 5 Blacktip shark shark conservation
- Chapter 6 Diving with Blacktip sharks

### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the Blacktip shark species. There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours. This is then followed by 1 dedicated Blacktip shark interaction dive. This course is conducted in conjunction with the tiger course.



### Materials incl:

1. Blacktip shark content
2. Identification slate
3. Sample tooth
4. Sharklife certification card

## Module 7 Great White Shark

### Topics:

- Chapter 1 Great white shark taxonomy and classification
- Chapter 2 Great white shark distribution and habitats
- Chapter 3 Great white shark biology
- Chapter 4 Great whiteshark behaviour
- Chapter 5 Great white shark conservation
- Chapter 6 Diving with Great white sharks

### Structure:

This course is an introduction to the Great white shark species. There is one lecture taking approximately 2 hours. This is then followed by 1 dedicated Great white shark cage dive at your chosen destination



### Materials incl:

1. Great white shark content
2. Identification slate
3. Sample tooth
4. Sharklife certification card