



# ORGANISATIONS ACCEPTING SHARK CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

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招收鲨鱼保护志愿者的  
五大机构



随着对海洋状况的兴趣和关注持续升温，越来越多的人希望能做些更有意义的事，而不仅是去海边放松、晒日光浴。各行各业的人们都有类似想法，他们想有所行动，那还有什么比做海洋保护的志愿者更好的途径呢？

全球的许多项目都接收各种年龄和背景的志愿者及实习生。在了解与保护海洋环境和其中的生物方面，它们的知名度越来越高，成效也越来越明显。参加此类项目自然要付出一定的金钱，但绝对超值。志愿者们可以在世界级潜点花大量时间与鲨鱼“培养感情”，同时学习海洋研究技能、充分享受日光浴。有些方案还包括参与社区项目，为当地学校的学生讲授海洋保护知识，并浸淫当地文化。志愿者们不仅可以身体力行，也能够收获许多志同道合的朋友。

**W**ith a growing interest and concern for the state of the ocean, more people are looking to invest their vacation time in something greater than just relaxation and sunny destinations. People from all walks of life are looking to make a difference, and what better way to do so than by contributing to marine conservation.

There are projects around the globe that accept volunteers and interns of all backgrounds and ages. They are becoming increasingly popular and prolific in a bid to understand and conserve ocean habitats, including the species found within them. Joining such projects does come with a price tag but it is money well spent. Volunteers enjoy plenty of time in the water with sharks whilst learning marine research skills and soaking up sunshine at world-class dive destinations. Some schemes also offer the chance to join community projects, educate local school children about marine conservation and immerse in local culture. Volunteers not only make a difference but also get to make likeminded friends for life.

Oceans Research in South Africa is committed to the management and conservation of South Africa's wildlife, including the Great White Shark. They offer their Oceans Research Internship Program for aspiring scientists and conservationists who want to undertake research on Great White Sharks and other mega-fauna found there. Interns get to experience boat-based field research and office-based study of white sharks, bottlenose dolphins, Southern Right Whales and smaller sharks, such as the endemic Pyjama Shark. They work alongside well-

known shark researchers and assist in data collection and interpretation. The data is then used to advise industries and government about current conservation issues. Each intern program lasts one month and places are available year-round. Divers joining this project should consider extending their trip to visit the Great White Sharks of False Bay and Blue Sharks off Cape Point, or head east to dive the Aliwal Shoal at Umkomaas – known for its abundance of Oceanic Blacktip Sharks.



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## Oceans Research Internship

Join the scientific team conducting dedicated and groundbreaking research on great white sharks and other marine predators within Mossel Bay. Gain unparalleled field training in the latest marine research techniques .

Oceans Research位于南非，致力于南非野生生物（包括大白鲨）的管理和保护。立志研究大白鲨和当地巨型动物的科学家和保护主义者，可以申请他们的海洋研究实习项目。实习生可以体验上船实地考察，以及在办公室研究大白鲨、宽吻海豚、南露脊鲸和当地特有的睡衣鲨（带纹长须猫鲨）之类的小型鲨鱼。他们将与知名的鲨鱼研究专家一起工作，辅助收集数据与翻译。收集到的数据会用来向政府和业内阐释当前的保护问题。每个实习项目为期一个月，全年可申请。参加该项目的潜水员则有机会拓宽行程，欣赏福尔斯湾大白鲨和好望角附近的蓝鲨，或一路向东，到乌姆科马斯的阿里瓦沙洲潜水，享受众多黑鳍鲨的陪伴。



The Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme (MWSRP) is true to its name; carrying out whale shark research and community focussed conservation programmes in South Ari Atoll in the Maldives. They offer the opportunity to become an Assistant Research Volunteer and spend time aboard their vessel collecting whale shark and marine environment data. Volunteers spend plenty of time in the water with whale sharks, learn about the local Maldivian culture, and enjoy being in a world-class diving location. The MWSRP encourage

people with no marine biology experience to join them and their website clearly states all ages, abilities and nationalities are welcome. They have hosted students, humanities professionals, private industry workers, and government employees. It is truly a project for all. There are both two and four-week Assistant Research positions to apply for each annual dive season and a maximum of eight volunteers are hosted at any one time. Applications are submitted online.



## Conservation through Research and Community Mobilisation



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### Apply

In order to volunteer with MWSRP, you must submit an application. To receive an application, in the fields below fill out your *name*, *email address* and a *message* indicating that you'd like to receive an application.

Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme (MWSRP) 名副其实，在马尔代夫的南阿里环礁开展鲸鲨考察以及鲸鲨群重点保护项目。申请者有机会成为研究助理志愿者，随船收集鲸鲨和海洋环境数据。志愿者有充足的时间在水下与鲸鲨相处，了解当地马尔代夫文化，享受世界级潜点的资源。该项目鼓励没有海洋生物学背景的人申请，网站上也指明，不分年龄、行业与国籍，全部欢迎。他们的志愿者包括寄宿学生、人文学科专业人员、私企员工和政府雇员，可谓名副其实的全民项目。每年的潜水季节，都可申请两周或四周的助理研究岗位，一次最多接受八名志愿者。欢迎线上提交申请表。

[www.maldiveswhalesharkresearch.org](http://www.maldiveswhalesharkresearch.org)



**Gili Shark and Marine Conservation** is based on the Gili Islands in Indonesia, at the centre of the Coral Triangle. Their main goal is to work with government and non-government organisations to provide research data for marine management. As such, they are working hard to turn the Gili Matra Marine Reserve into a shark nursery. They have two years to gather the data needed before policy makers re-examine the size of the reserve. They need volunteers for this project and offer participation as an aptly named 'Gili Shark Warrior'. Volunteers

work five days a week conducting research dives and analysing dive data, plus become PADI Scientific Dive and PADI Shark Conservation specialists. Volunteers can expect to see reef sharks, turtles, and possibly manta rays during their dives. Community outreach days are available to join and yoga classes are available at the weekends. Volunteer packages last on average two to eight weeks and no previous experience is needed. Applications are accepted online.

Contact us on [sharks@gilisharkconservation.com](mailto:sharks@gilisharkconservation.com). We're always happy to help!



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SHARK & MARINE CONSERVATION AROUND  
THE GILI ISLANDS

### SHARK WARRIORS

**We are incredible grateful for all the love and support we receive from every corner of the globe for our Gili Shark Conservation Project. We had more than 75 participants from 20 different countries, from people that never dived before to instructors, and everything in between.**

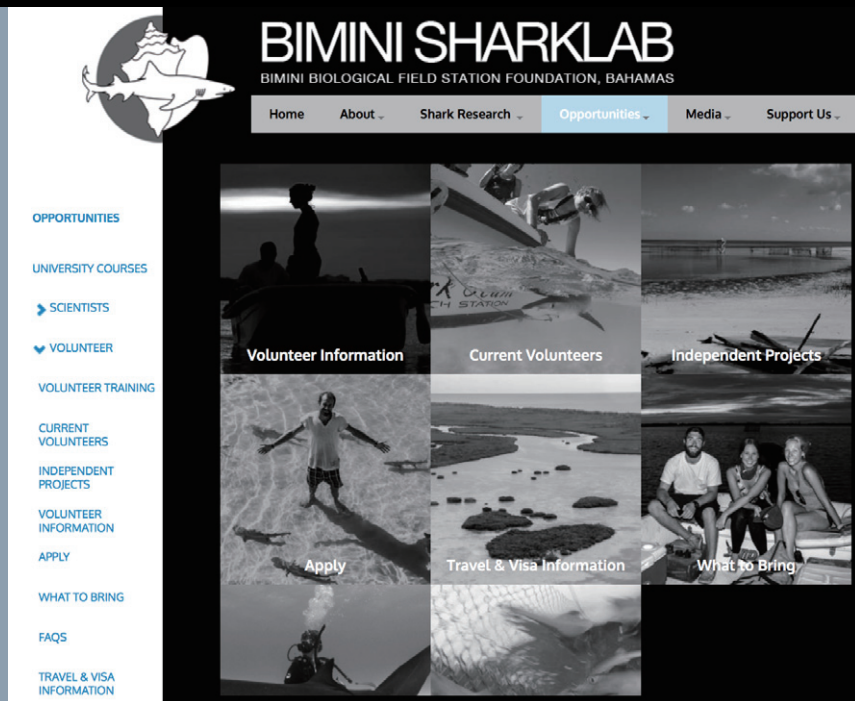
Each and every one of them contributed in their own special way to our [shark conservation](#) and marine conservation work here on the [Gili Islands](#) in Indonesia. We couldn't do what we do without the compassion, commitment enthusiasm, and endless energy of these amazing people. Would you like to become a Shark Warrior and join our Research team? Read [here](#) how you can apply for our program.

**Gili Shark and Marine Conservation** 位于印尼的吉利群岛，珊瑚大三角的中央。他们的主要目标是与政府和非政府机构合作，为海洋管理提供研究数据。借此，他们努力地将Gili Matra Marine Reserve变成一片鲨鱼保育区。政策制定者重新探讨保育区面积之前，他们有两年时间收集所需的数据。这个项目需要志愿者，行动之名也恰如其分：“吉利鲨鱼斗士”。志愿者们一周工作五天，通过潜水进行研究，分析潜水数据，同时还能成为PADI科学潜水与PADI鲨鱼保护的专家。在潜水期间，他们有机会见到礁鲨、海龟，也可能看到蝠鲼。另外，他们还可以参加社区外展活动以及周末的瑜伽课。志愿者项目一般持续二到八周，无需相关经验。欢迎线上提交申请表。



The **Bimini Biological Field Station**, or Bimini Sharklab, is renowned worldwide for its volunteer opportunities at Bimini in the Bahamas. Founded in 1990, the lab was built to focus on shark field research in the tropical waters off Bimini. They offer internships for up to ten interns per month, who learn practical and theoretical skills for future scientific careers. Interns get involved in boat-based tracking of sharks, fixing nets, conducting shark behavioural research, setting longlines, and completing data entry. Interns can be at sea all day

and sometimes work into the night, for instance when tagging sharks from 6pm to 6am. It can be gruelling work at times but interns can experience lemon sharks, nurse sharks, hammerhead sharks, tiger sharks, and Caribbean reef sharks, making it a must-do experience for fans of large sharks. Internships are available from one month up to six months or more, and applications need to be submitted online at least six months before the preferred start date.



**Bimini Biological Field Station**, 又叫比米尼鲨鱼实验室，位于巴哈马群岛的比米尼群岛，因其志愿者项目而举世闻名。该实验室成立于1990年，专注于比米尼群岛附近热带海域的鲨鱼研究。这里每月最多招收十名实习生，供他们学习实践与理论技巧，为将来的科研事业打基础。实习生可以随船追踪鲨鱼、固定渔网、做鲨鱼行为研究、放延绳钓并完成数据输入。他们可能需要整天待在上，有时要工作到深夜，例如晚六点到早六点追踪鲨鱼的时候。工作偶尔会很繁重，但有机会见到柠檬鲨、铰口鲨、双髻鲨、虎鲨和加勒比海礁鲨，对鲨鱼迷来说，是一定要体验的经历。实习期长短不一，短则一月，长则半年或更多。申请表需在实习开始前至少六个月网上提交。

Projects Abroad offers worldwide conservation projects and one of their highlights has to be the Fiji Shark Conservation and Awareness Project on Viti Levu island, Fiji. Volunteers at this popular and well-organised project work alongside shark scientists and researchers during shark research dives and shark tagging projects. Volunteers participate in mangrove restoration projects, community outreach days, shark education initiatives, and learn about local Fijian culture. Each volunteer program also allows time for diving with large numbers

of bull sharks at Beqa Lagoon. Non-divers spend their first two weeks learning to become PADI Advanced divers and can soon join in. Volunteers are encouraged from all backgrounds and participation is for two weeks upwards. Many volunteers return repeatedly to this project and applications are submitted online.

Shark conservation talks at a school in Fiji (Projects Abroad)  
在学校进行的鲨鱼保护的讲座, 摄于斐济



Mangrove restoration volunteer group picture in Fiji (Projects Abroad)  
红树林修复的志愿者集体照, 摄于斐济



Volunteers deploying the Baited Remote Unwater Vehicle for shark population monitoring (Projects Abroad)  
志愿者正在安放装有诱饵的水下遥控设备, 用于监测鲨鱼数量

Projects Abroad提供世界各地的保护项目, 其中一个不能不提的就是斐济维提岛上的Fiji Shark Conservation and Awareness Project。在这个久负盛名、组织良好的项目中, 志愿者们可以和鲨鱼科学家及研究员在鲨鱼研究潜水行与鲨鱼追踪项目里合作。他们还可以参加红树林修复项目、社区外展活动、鲨鱼教育动员并了解斐济当地的文化。每个志愿者项目都会留出时间供他们在贝加潟湖与无数牛鲨同潜。没有潜水经验的志愿者可在前两周训练成为PADI高级潜水员, 迅速融入环境。不论何种背景, 都欢迎报名前来; 参与时间至少两周。很多志愿者已经参与多次, 欢迎网上提交申请表

For those who want to get involved in shark conservation without leaving the comfort of their own home, there are organisations looking for home-based volunteers. **Fin Fighters**, a UK shark conservation charity, needs volunteers of all ages and abilities to help with their campaigns. Volunteers can get involved with online work, fundraising, conducting their own shark conservation talks and more. **Bite Back**, another UK charity, and **Shark Guardian** in Thailand, also accept volunteers to help deliver their shark conservation messages in their respective countries.



**Bimini Biological Field Station**, 如果很想参与鲨鱼保护, 又不想离开舒适的家, 可以加入寻找“宅”志愿者的组织。 **Fin Fighters**是英国一家鲨鱼保护慈善机构, 正好需要各年龄段、各行业的人来帮助他们宣传。志愿者们可以参与线上工作、众筹、制作自己的鲨鱼保护宣言等。另一家英国慈善机构 **Bite Back**和泰国的 **Shark Guardian**, 同样接受不出国门的志愿者帮助宣传鲨鱼保护信息。

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