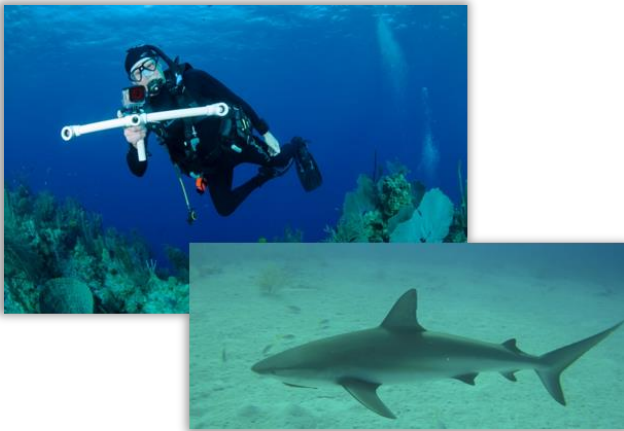


TIDES Shark Ecology Program: Ages 12 - 18



Sharks are perhaps the most misunderstood and maligned animal on the planet. Humans are not a part of any shark's natural diet, thus, contrary to what some people think, sharks don't eat people. In fact, very few people are injured or killed by sharks each year, yet humans kill many millions of sharks every year. Sharks are incredibly important to the health of our oceans and monitoring the presence of sharks in an ecosystem is an important way to assess ecosystem health.

Students participating in the TIDES Shark Ecology experience will participate in citizen science projects that monitor shark diversity, abundance, and population structure in addition to earning their Nitrox and Perfect Buoyancy scuba certifications. Students will analyze laser photogrammetry data to measure shark size, which in turn can be used to extrapolate the age distribution of the shark population. This information gives scientists important information about the shark populations in an ecosystem, which can then be used to help protect sharks.

Program Cost: \$375/ student

Dates: June 24th – Aug 5th, 2021

Prerequisite: Open Water Scuba Certification

Payment Schedule:

- Full course payment: \$375 due upon enrollment (Enrollment ends 6/23)
- \$25/hr fee for make-up online class
- \$25/hr fee for make-up pool session

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Program Inclusions:

- SSI Enriched Air Nitrox course
- SSI Perfect Buoyancy course
- SSI Shark Ecology course
- Pool training
- Marine Science Educators and Dive Instructors

Schedule:

- Virtual classes via Zoom Thursdays @ 6pm MST starting June 24th thru Aug 5th
- Pool Session:
 - Saturday 7/31 8:00 – 1:00 MST

