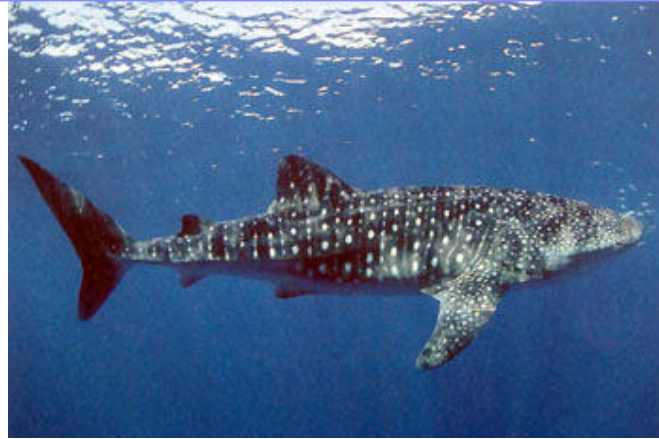


'Promoting International Collaboration in Whale Shark Conservation, Science & Management' International Conference



9 to 12 May 2005

Perth, Australia

You are invited to 'Promoting International Collaboration in Whale Shark Conservation, Science & Management' an international conference aimed at advancing international collaboration on the conservation of whale sharks. The conference will explore current knowledge of whale sharks, the threats they face and the nature of their interactions with humans across their migratory range. Delegates will present a range of perspectives on current management practices involving whale sharks including, conservation, fishing, eco-tourism and other socio-economic issues.

- Conference Thematic Sessions include consideration of the following topics from a local, regional and global perspective
 - Conservation
 - Socio-economics
 - Ecotourism
 - Science
 - Management
- Two workshops will be held as part of the Conference.
 - The 1st workshop will be to facilitate regional collaboration in research for the conservation of whale sharks and to develop collaborative projects on whale sharks in the Indo-Pacific region.
 - The 2nd workshop will be held to facilitate mechanisms for collaboration on the management and conservation of whale sharks in the region.
- Pre and post Conference opportunities to visit the beautiful Ningaloo Reef and swim with whale sharks.

As limited places are available, please register your interest in attending or presenting a paper by emailing Lucy Kay on lucy.kay@csiro.au.

