



# Scottish Shark Tagging Programme

protecting scotland's sharks!

## WHAT WE DO...

ORGANISED EVENTS

JUNIOR COACHING

RAISING AWARENESS

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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ACOUSTIC & DATA STORAGE TAGS

WORK WITH GOVERNMENT

CODES OF BEST PRACTICE



The SSTP is a cooperative shark tagging programme, developed by conservation minded recreational sea anglers, whose goal is to “Protect Scotland’s Sharks” and our marine environment.

### Who is involved?

The Scottish Shark Tagging Programme (SSTP) was set up by the Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network (SSACN), a non-profit charity, run by volunteers & full time project officers.

Over 250 volunteer anglers regularly tag and recapture sharks, skates and rays in Scottish waters and collect the data

[www.tagsharks.com](http://www.tagsharks.com)

### Why is Tagging Important?

Recapture data builds a valuable database for scientific and government research. This information will play a huge part in the future management of Scotland’s Sharks and inshore waters and will help to maintain recreational sea angling and rural jobs for the next generation ... **FISH FOR THE FUTURE.**

### What Information is Gathered?

Anglers gather data on the fishes size, sex and location, which upon recapture help us to understand a fishes movements, growth rates & lifespan



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### Government Consultations

SSACN were involved with the formation of the 2012 special statutory instruments (SSI's) in Scottish waters,

**MAKING SCOTLAND'S SHARKS  
THE MOST PROTECTED IN EUROPE**

SSACN campaigning has ensured the legislation specifically allow anglers to continue to fish on a catch & release basis.

Without our contributions, these species could have been included in the Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981), making it illegal for anglers to fish for these species at all.

Our Marine Protection Area (MPA) proposals submitted to the Government in 2012, were included as key search areas. Designation of specific areas will provide habitat protection **whilst protecting the interests of sea anglers.**

The SSTP works in collaborative partnership with SNH, Government marine scientists and Universities.

We will continue to fight for the rights of recreational sea anglers in Scotland, whilst lobbying for protection and effective management of our seas.

If you agree with what the SSTP is doing, then please join us at [www.ssacn.org](http://www.ssacn.org) your support will make a difference!