

GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: Fish ID training workshop

On the 27th of July 2017 the "Threatened species identification, field survey technique and data gathering protocol" was held at the Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA) conference room and lab. Twelve fishery technical staff and fishers participated, with 50% of female participation rate. GIF produced and distributed data recording sheets and three fish identification cards for teleosts, sharks and rays. The workshop focused on the following: (1) Project introduction, activities, outcomes, relevance of project and link with national policies (2) List of species monitored, identification features, different survey protocols for teleosts, sharks and rays (3) Presentation of first set of results. (4) Practical in the lab: fish identification and monitoring methodology

<Highlight 2>: shark monitoring

During the period July-September, which also coincides with the shark aggregating season, two shark fishers joined the project as collaborators and collected data on regular on threatened species of shark landed in artisanal fishery at two pre-identified landing sites.

< Highlight 3>: Meeting with fisherman

A series of meetings with fishing groups have been held in various locations in South Mahé. The goal was to give them information about the project, fishing trends and to discuss fishery management plans and suggestion to reduce the impact of artisanal fisheries on threatened species adopting more sustainable fishing practices.

Photos

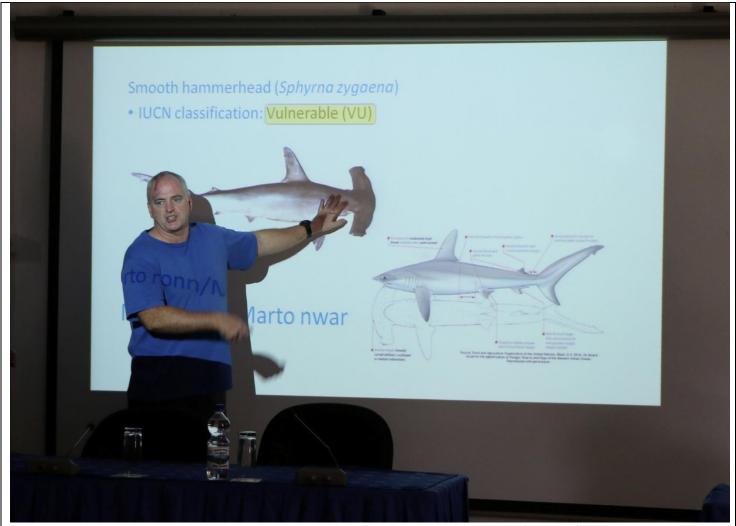


Photo 1a: John Nevill presenting threatened species at the "Threatened species identification, field survey technique and data gathering protocol" workshop ©GIF/Mariliana Leotta



Photo 1b: John Nevill presenting field survey techniques at the "Threatened species identification, field survey technique and data gathering protocol" workshop to participants from Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA), fishing organization representatives and fishers ©GIF/Mariliana Leotta



Photo 1c: Participants from Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA), fishing organization representatives and fishers practicing in the lab during the "Threatened species identification, field survey technique and data gathering protocol" workshop ©GIF/Mariliana Leotta

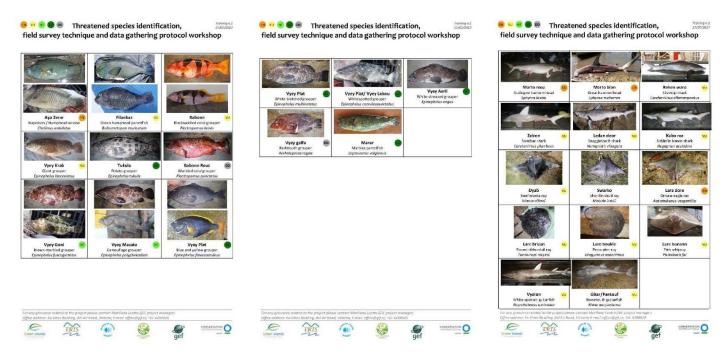


Photo 1d: Fish ID cards for the "Threatened species identification, field survey technique and data gathering protocol" workshop @GIF/Mariliana Leotta



Photo 2: Jason Antat, collaborator at Victoria Market, collecting data on shark catches ©GIF/John Nevill



Photo 3a: Green Islands Foundation General Manager Wilna Accouche meeting with fishers in South Mahé ©GIF/Frank Volcere



Photo 3b: Green Islands Foundation Project Officer Frank Volcere meeting with fishers in South Mahé ©GIF/Wilna Accouche