

## Project Update: July 2019

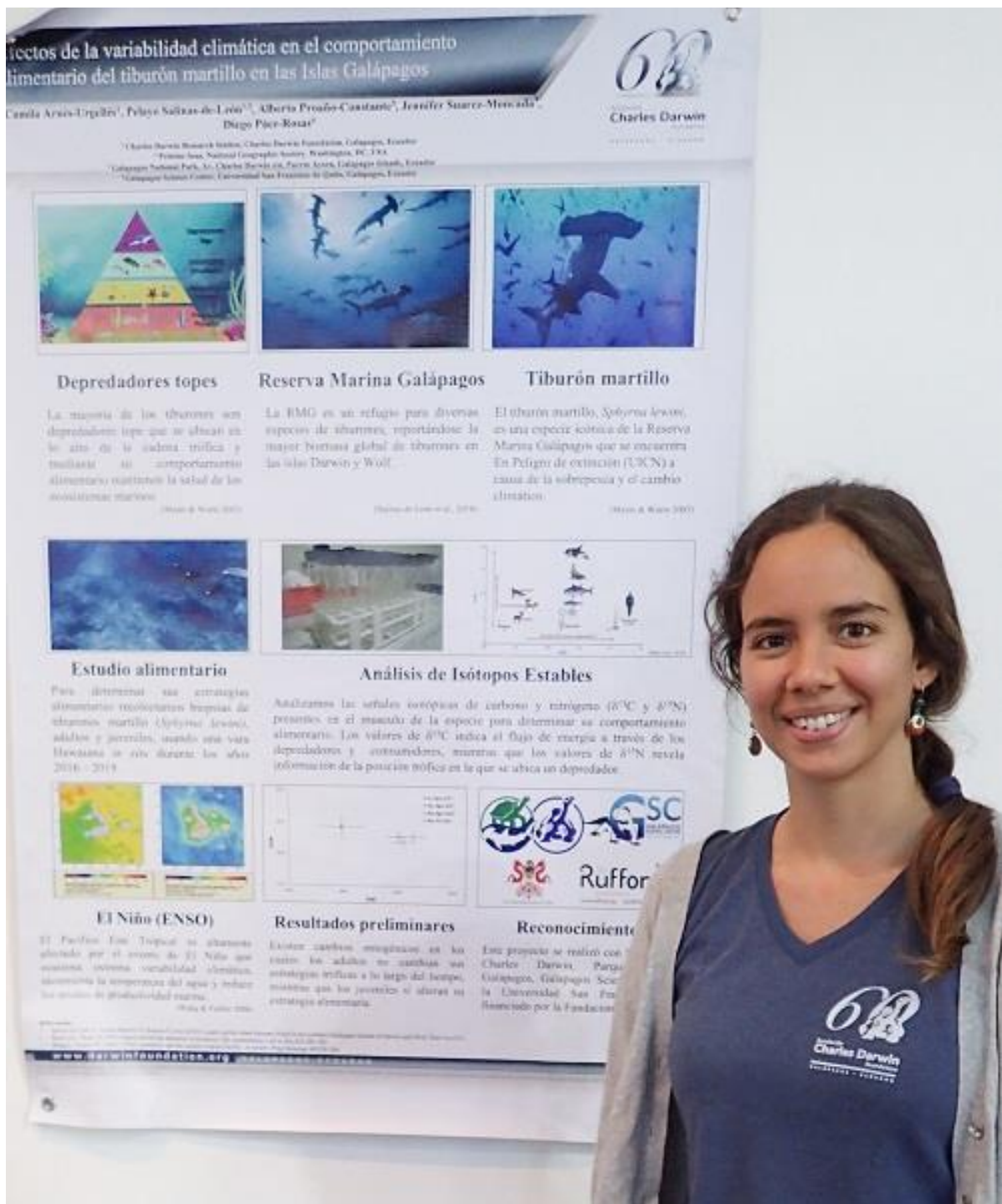
- During the last 2 weeks of June, I was living at San Cristobal Island while working at the laboratories from the Galapagos Science Center of the Universidad San Francisco-Quito and North Carolina University. There, I prepared over 100 shark tissue samples that will be sent to the Stable Isotope Facility at the University of California Davis.



Grinding shark samples for stable isotope analysis at the Galapagos Science Center-USFQ. © Noelia Barriga.

- While working on the Galapagos Science Center, I had the opportunity to attend to their annual symposium ([http://galapagossscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/IV-Simposio-de-Investigacio%CC%81n\\_IN-1.pdf?\\_t=1545924564](http://galapagossscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/IV-Simposio-de-Investigacio%CC%81n_IN-1.pdf?_t=1545924564)) and learn about all the research that is conducted on San Cristobal Island. This was a great opportunity to meet great scientists that are also working for the conservation of the Galapagos Islands.
- Since the start of July 2019, I've been back at the Charles Darwin Foundation at Santa Cruz Island, where I presented a poster of my project titled "Climate variability effects on the feeding behaviour of the scalloped hammerhead at the Galapagos Islands" in the International Symposium: 60 Years of Conservation and Science in Galapagos. Galapagos Islands, Ecuador (<https://www.darwinfoundation.org/en/blog-articles/469-international-symposium-60-years-of-conservation-and-science-in-galapagos>).

- The poster presentation was a great opportunity to inform other institutions and the local community about this project and the importance of protecting our marine top predators.



Presenting a project poster at the International Symposium 60 Years of Conservation and Science in Galapagos. © Juan Manuel García.