

MISIÓN TIBURÓN

SHARK ROUTE Learning about sharks and our oceans

PRELIMINARY REPORT



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The Shark Route is Misión Tiburón's first project and it is an innovative initiative that seeks to educate elementary students about the importance of marine resources, especially sharks. The aim of this project is that students have a new vision about sharks, and their role in the aquatic ecosystem. Furthermore we want to clarify that sharks are not fearful creatures, they are in fact vulnerable species that accomplish a vital role in the trophic chain of the oceans. At the end of each event, the students will see sharks as charismatic animals that actually help the humanity to have a healthy marine ecosystem.

OBJECTIVES:

- To arouse awareness in coastal communities regarding the ecological importance of sharks in our oceans, as well as their principal threats.
- To promote respect and responsibility to marine life, especially on sharks.

METHODOLOGY

As the first step, between August and October 2009, the team of Misión Tiburón (MT) coordinated the design and elaboration of informative posters, t-shirts, educational games and Yiyo, the Mascot of Shark Route. Once finished these tasks, the team organized the events in each coastal community.

Between November and December 2009, different events of Shark Route were realized in distinct communities along Costa Rica's Pacific coast. For the event, posters with basic information about the evolutionary, biological and ecological aspects related to sharks were set up in each community. In addition, the team with the children carried out educational games about the trophic chain of the oceans and the sharks' biological aspects learned. After the games, Yiyo (the Shark Route mascot) a shy hammerhead shark had shared with the children and they had fun together.

After the Yiyo presentation, refreshments were also served to the children, professors and school staff who helped with the day's events. At the end of the events, the MT team presented a short documental about sharks, that resumes all the aspects learned during the day.

RESULTS

Three events were held in the following locations along Costa Rica's Pacific coast: 2 in Paquera in Puntarenas Region, in the Central Pacific and 1 in Cuajiniquil in Guanacaste Region, in the North Pacific.

The first two events were carried out in elementary schools of Paquera: one in the Escuela de Playa Blanca, on November 25, 2009 (Annex I, II, III) and the other in the Escuela Bajos Negros on December 3, 2009 (Annex IV, V, VI). The last one was held in the community hall of

Cuajiniquil on December 22, 2009 (Annex VII, VIII, IX, X), this event was organized in collaboration with the Área de Conservación Guanacaste (Conservation Area of Guanacaste), Ministerio de Ambiente, Energía y Telecomunicaciones (Environmental Ministry) of Costa Rica.

At least 100 children participated at these 3 events, but when the school activities restart at the end of February, Shark Route will begin to visit about 10 more schools, in order to arouse awareness to 500 children among the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica.

ANNEX I. Participants' list of Shark Route event in the Escuela de Playa Blanca, Paquera, Puntarenas.



RUTA TIBURÓN

"Aprendiendo sobre los tiburones y nuestros océanos"

Fecha: 25 de noviembre 2009

Lugar: Escuela de Playa Blanca, Paquera, Puntarenas

Lista de participantes:

NOMBRE	EDAD
Hansel Rodríguez Benavides	7 años
Brandon Andrey Parra Sandí. 1º	7 años
Deivi Jose Brenes Marchena 3º	11 años
Gerald Duarte Gandi 1º	7
Jefferson Gomez Corrales 2º	8 años
Yustip Bermudez de la O 2º	9 años.
Katherine Venegas Rodríguez	11 años 3º
Patsy Pamela Caravaca Matarrita	5 to 10 años
Allison Paola Núñez Matarrita	4º 10 años
Archie de los Angeles Obando de la O. 6º	14 años.
Lady Vanessa Diaz Obando	4º 10 años
Johann Josue Marchena Núñez 2º	8 años
Sasha McInven Parra	7
Seison Rodríguez Carbajal 2º	41
Elían de la O Parra	Kinder 6 años
Keylor Obando de la O	Kinder 6 años
Mayerlin Mora Castillo	Kinder 6 años
Eimer Alvarez Caravaca	Kinder 6 años.
Paulo Mora León	Kinder 6 años
Paola Palacios Mora	Materno 5 años
José Andrés Morillo Quiros	Materno 4 años.

ANNEX II. Informative poster explanation presented by Andrés López for the students of the Escuela de Playa Blanca, Paquera. Puntarenas.



ANNEX III. Student plays the educational game about the trophic chain of the oceans, in the Escuela de Playa Blanca, Paquera. Puntarenas.



ANNEX IV. Participants' list of Shark Route event in the Escuela Bajos Negros, Paquera, Puntarenas.



RUTA TIBURÓN

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Fecha: 3 de diciembre 2009

Lugar: Escuela Bajos Negros, Paquera, Puntarenas

Lista de participantes:

	NOMBRE	EDAD
Tania	Hernandez Hernandez	7
Sharon	Pamela Castillo castillo	8
Helen Yuliza	Villalobos Matarrita	9
Alison	pameha aviros noguera	9
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Kenneth	Andres castillos solorzanos	10
Kendall	Andrey venegas Hernández	
Ran dall	Andres Espinoza Briceño	12
Yaritza	Sujei molina matarrita	11
YES lin	Marian Venegas Hernandez	12
Enkel	Antonio Jarquin Reyes	12
Yendry	Liseth Solorzano Jimenez	13
Yenny	de los Angeles Castillo Castillo	12
Eristofer	Castillo Ortiz	11
kenndall	Andrey Castillo Ortiz	6
yordi	jose Hernandez jarquin	12

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BAJOS NEGROS
DIRECCIÓN
Paquera - Puntarenas
03-12-09
Directora Esc. Bajos Negros

ANNEX V. Students enjoy the refreshments during the event in the Escuela Bajos Negros, Paquera. Puntarenas.



ANNEX VI. Informative poster explanation presented by Ilena Zanella for the students of Escuela Bajos Negros, Paquera. Puntarenas.



ANNEX VII. Participants' list of Shark Route event in the Salón Comunal, Cuajiniquil, Guanacaste. Part 1.



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Fecha: 22 de diciembre 2009

Lugar: Salón Comunal de Cuajiniquil, Guanacaste

Lista de participantes:

NOMBRE	EDAD
1 Yeralania Chaves Flore	10 años
2 Maria fernanda carrera conrado	11 años
3 Jenifer Jasmin Zobo Yobank	10 años
4 Kevin Alonso Chave Trana	9 años
5 Kevin Carlos José Sanchez Lara	12 años
6 Brígido Moisés Espinoza Lara	10 años
7 Anthony José Mora García	12 años
8 José Andrés Sanchez Lara	10 años
9 Erick Fabron Parrales Parrales	13 años
10 ESTEBAN AHTVI LNUA	9 años
11 Rolanda Matus Aleman	8 años
12 Mayrón Galo obregon	13 años
13 Guillermo Alvarado Uruña	11 años
14 Jairo Francisco Tonal Serrano	11
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16 Jerry murillo vado	12 años
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18 Rebeca Espinoza Ramirez	9 años
19 Vicky Natalia Espinoza L.	10 años
20 Esther Peña Lara	10 años
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22 Maria José Cordoba Balmaceda	12 años
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24 Jorge Luis Lara López	9 años
25	
26 Keissy Maria Castro Campos	8 años
27	
28 Steven Lara Angulo	8 años
29	
30 Jairo Francisco Chaves Flores	12 años
31 Josseline Victoria Lh.	9 años
32 Angelica Velasquez Blanco	7 años
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34 Minor Lara Aguilera	10 años
35 Rafael Vega Aleman	11 años

ANNEX VIII. Participants' list of Shark Route event in the Salón Comunal, Cuajiniquil, Guanacaste. Part 2.



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Fecha: 22 de diciembre 2009
 Lugar: Salón Comunal de Cuajiniquil, Guanacaste

Lista de participantes:

	NOMBRE	EDAD
1	Ashley sofia López Galo	10 años
2	Dahiana fernández Medrano	12 años
3		
4	Johanna Gutiérrez campos	11-años
5	Angel Eduardo García Medrano	9-años
6	Katty hanzua hobo	9 años
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8	Glória Elena rebaortiz	8 años
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10	Ilse Yurietth Lara López	10 años
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12	Esteban Alonso Romero Alvarez	12 años
13	Julyana Doris Aleman Cruz	13 años
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15	berardo cascante gutierrez	10 años
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22	Melanny Annette Lara Rubio	9 años
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24	Tatiana Melissa Castro Espinosa	13 años
25	Jose Angel calvo Obando	
26	Maria Marta Chavarría Díaz	49 años 23 años
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ANNEX IX. Presentation of Yiyo, the Mascot of Shark Route in the Salón Comunal, Cuajiniquil. Guanacaste.



ANNEX X. Yiyo with the children in the Salón Comunal, Cuajiniquil. Guanacaste.

