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European Fisheries Agreement in Mozambique

The European Parliament on Wednesday voted for a new fisheries protocol with Mozambique. In this, 75, rather than previous 89 European Union ships will be able to purse seine and long-line within Mozambique's waters. Vessels will be required to keep electronic logs, and maintain two Mozambican employees on board.

[Read the full article here.](#)

SOURCE: [Club of Mozambique](#)



IDPPE Fishing Boats Cause Trouble on Inhambane Coastline

A new fishing initiative funded by the World Bank has caused an outcry from business owners, tourists and local residents. Three new, larger boats have



Is Whale Shark Tourism Sustainable?

The teams at the Marine Megafauna Foundation, Exeter University and All Out Africa have recently submitted an article to Marine Ecology Progress Series, a prestigious international journal. The study shows that whale

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more sustainable species further from shore. Instead, the ratio of unintended sharks and rays caught to pelagic fish species is about 3.8:1. Facts and photos have been sent to the ministry of fisheries and tourism along with the signatures of 18 business owners, 85 tourists and letters from three international research stations. If not taken seriously these unsustainable practices can harm the local tourism industry, not to mention the reefs. Further information can be read at [Canal Moz](#). If you have pictures of the catches from these boats, or would like to send your own personal dissent letter with facts, please [email](#) us.

SOURCE: Eyes on the Horizon



Great White Caught at Coconut Bay

The IDPPE fishing nets have been sighted bringing a great white shark onto Coconut Bay beach earlier in May. The great white is currently protected in South Africa, yet its range extends here into Mozambique, where there are no laws protecting the sharks. The species is listed as vulnerable to extinction on the IUCN Red List. Two other reports this month have declared great white sightings near Tofo and Barra.

SOURCE: Eyes on the Horizon

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tourists in 65% of all encounters. The small size of their aggregation site near Tofo and the daily use of commercially operated vessels suggests long-term displacement if sharks are subjected to negative encounters. This article suggests that the industry in Tofo is sustainable, however it is critical to monitor interactions and maintain a stringent code of conduct.

SOURCE: [Marine Megafauna Foundation](#)



Cinemameu shows 'Shiver'

Cinemameu, the African Film Festival in Inhambane, took place this year from May 11th to 13th. Among the movies shown was 'Shiver', by Dave Charley and [Moz Images](#), a documentary following the shark finning industry in Mozambique. The film's protagonist, Carlos Macuacua, and founder of Bitonga Divers was present for questions afterward.

SOURCE: Eyes on the Horizon



New Eyes on the Horizon Team Member

We welcome our newest member to the Eyes on the Horizon team, Hannah Darrin, a native to New York, she studied the conservation and management of fisheries and Oceanography at the University of Washington. Now she is residing in Tofo and works for Dr. Simon Pierce, both on whale shark research as well as further developing EoH. She can be reached for EoH related topics at hannah.darrin@eoth.org
SOURCE: [Eyes on the Horizon](#)



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Eyes on the Horizon: Intelligence Reports

Eyes on the Horizon has been formed to "crowdsource" conservation: you report what's going on along the coast, and we can pass it on to the government authorities tasked with protecting Mozambique's amazing marine environment. You can help by sending updates or photos (in complete anonymity if desired) by just replying to this [email](#).

The news from May:

Where have the Giants gone?

Whale shark sightings in Tofo have been down 75% this year from last year during January to May. So where have the big fish gone? Janneman Conradie, marine conservationist and microlight pilot from Vilankulos, few between Nyati and Mahangate and sighted 14 whale sharks in the last weekend of May. Two weeks prior, on his way to Tofo, he saw no whale sharks, the next day plenty! Barra Lodge reported two whale shark sightings in their bay during the month of May as well. If you are seeing these gentle giants please send an [email](#) with more information and photos.

Dugongs!

Near to Linga Linga while doing aerial surveying Janneman Conradie has reported seeing dugongs on a regular basis.

Fishing out charismatic species in Tofo

Fishermen between Tofo Beach and Tofinho Point have been sighted setting a semi-permanent longline

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lines.

If anyone has any photographs of these activities we can present as evidence we'd love to have them; meanwhile we'll also be watching events ourselves.

EOTH in the News

[Please read this article](#) written by Luciano da Conceicao. He interviews Hannah Darrin, assistant to the executive director of Eyes on the Horizon, about the new unsustainable fishing initiative in Inhambane funded by the World Bank.

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All the best for the next month,

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