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- Area of expertise: Community-based marine conservation
- Sector: NGO / Issues: Marine research, education, conservation, sustainable development of coastal communities
- Areas of interest for future projects: Marine conservation, sustainable fisheries



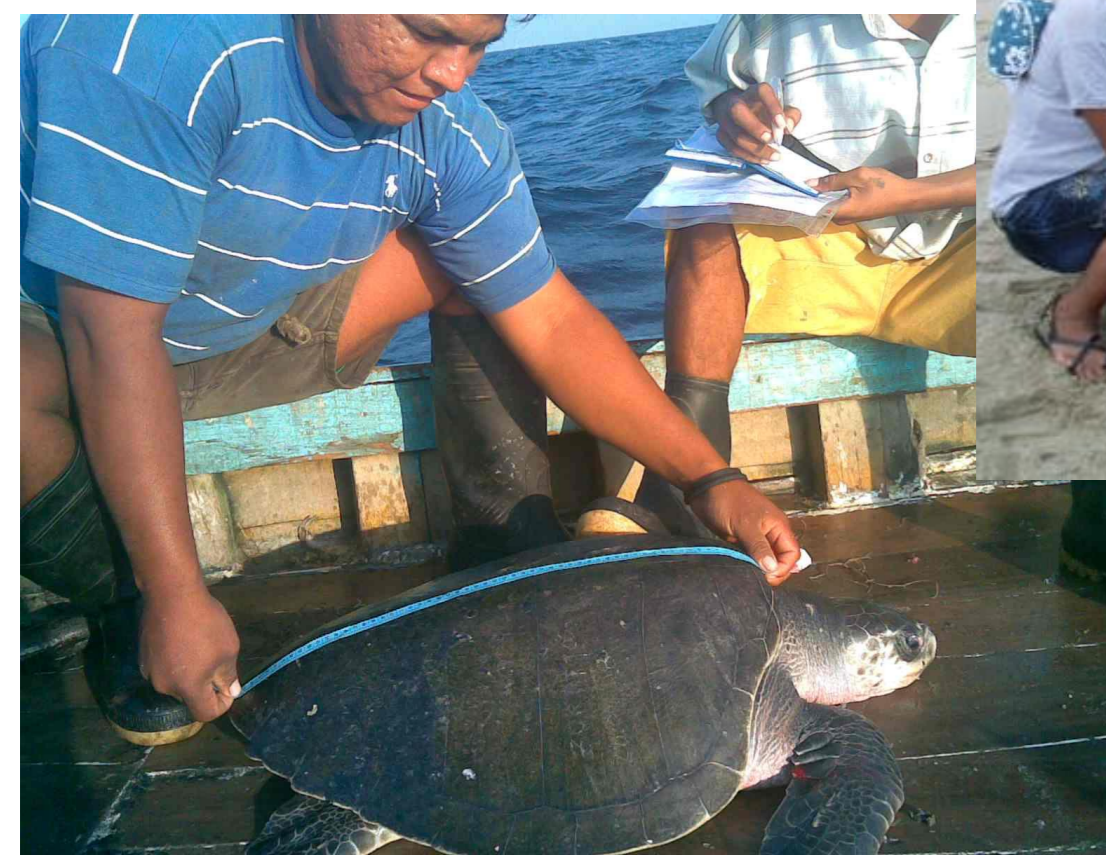
Planeta Océano is a non-profit that engages coastal communities to conserve their marine resources and environments, through research, marine education and sustainable development initiatives.

Details of our work, and its relation to this Seminar, are found below:

Research

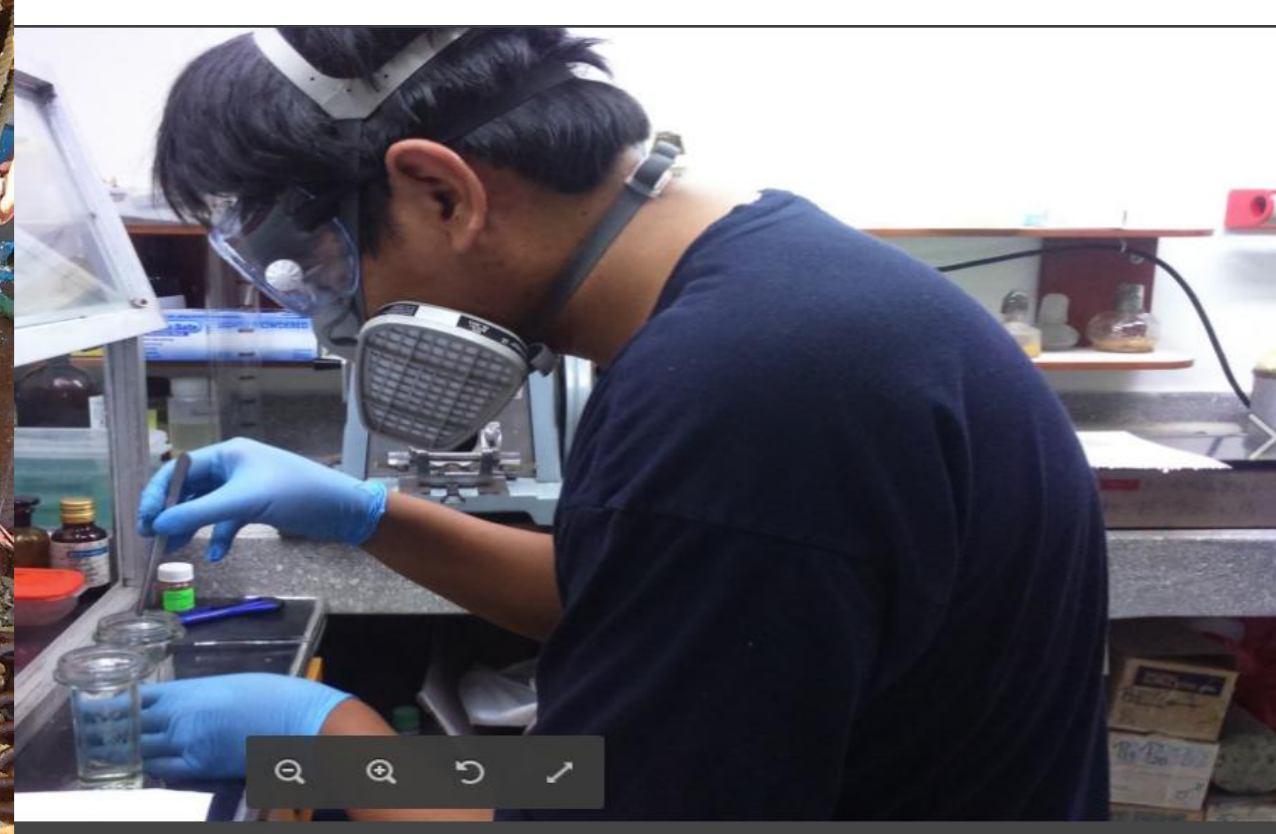
Participatory research on marine species, environments, fisheries, to guide management actions. Community members become citizen scientists.

Efforts include:



1. Assessing sea turtle mortality and bycatch

2. Studying and Protecting Giant Manta Rays



3. Assessing shark and ray fisheries

Marine Education

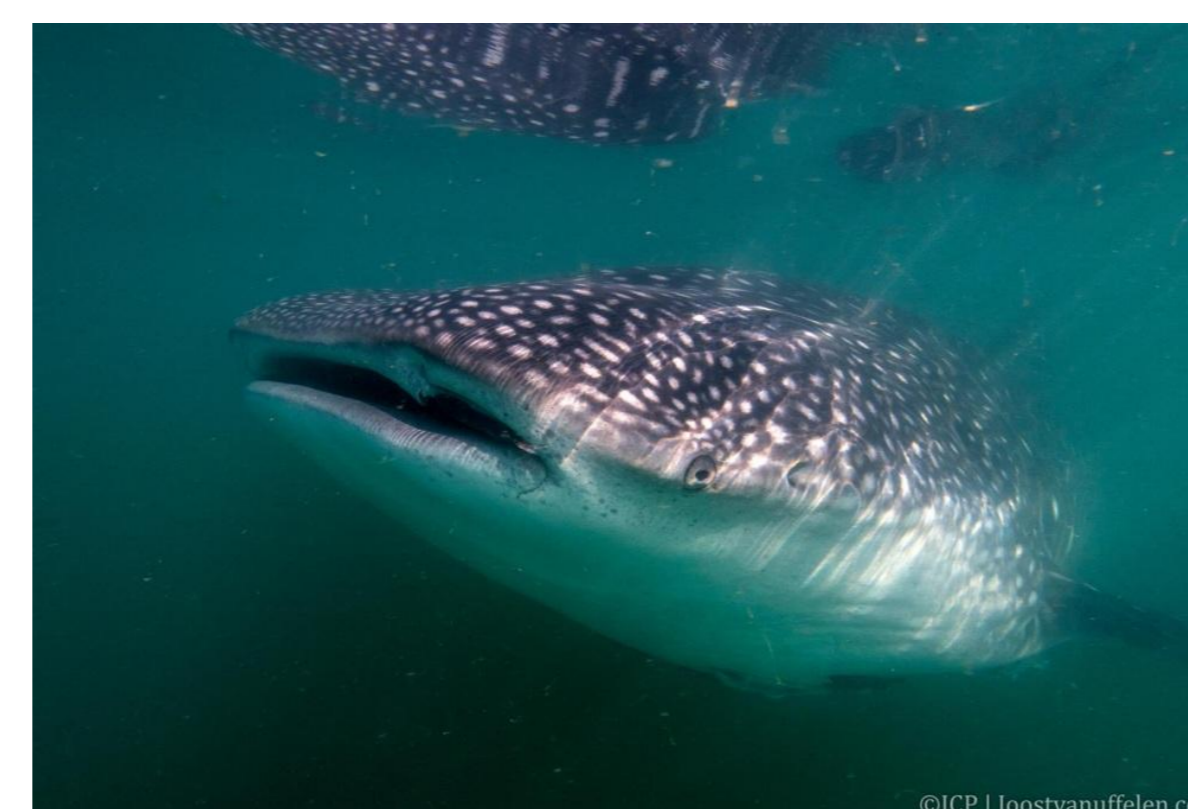
Incorporating marine education in schools, promoting environmental stewardship, raising awareness regarding marine conservation.

Efforts include:

1. Marine Educators Network



3. Youth-lead initiatives



2. Formally incorporating marine education in the educational system



4. Awareness campaigns

Sustainable Development

Fostering environmentally-friendly economic activities, integrating stakeholders and empowering environmental leaders.

Efforts include:



1. Community-based manta ecotourism

2. Youth-lead project incubator



3. CSR and voluntourism



Supporters, partners and networks include:



How does this work relate to our Seminar?

- Communication between science and policy
- Identifying funding sources
- Proposal writing

- Communication between disciplines
- Interaction among different types of scientists, society, and decision-makers

- Team building and collaboration
- International collaboration