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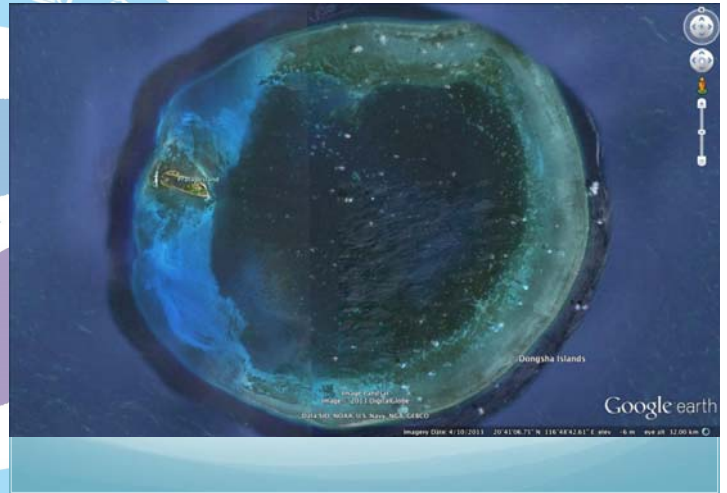
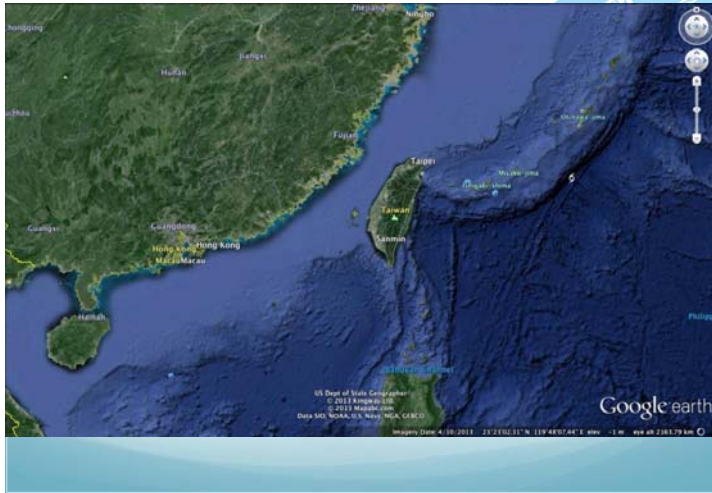
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東沙島周邊海域檸檬鯊族群與分布研究  
Study of Distribution and Population of  
Sharptooth Lemon Shark (*Negaprion  
acutidens*)  
Around the Nearshore Water of Dongsha  
Island



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Environment

Plenty of Seagrass beds around the Dongsha island and inner side of atoll.

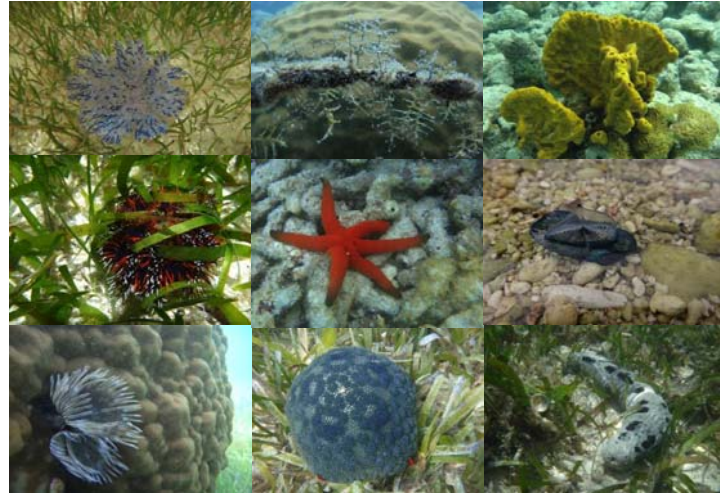


一. Introduction

The diversified environment surrounding Dongsha island and inner side of atoll

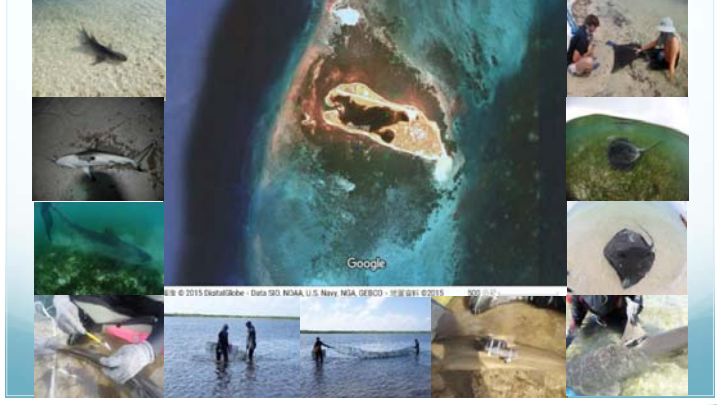
More like a nursery ground, so that the young predators are easily to search for food at shallow seagrass beds.

The seagrass beds around Dongsha island provide food and shelter to various creatures, which include the young sharks and rays.



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● Cartilaginous fishes of Dongsha



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What kinds of sharks and rays here?  
Where to find shark and ray?

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6 or 7 Elasmobranchs  
(*Carcharhinus melanopterus* ,  
*Carcharhinus limbatus* ,  
*Negaprion acutidens* ,  
*Aetobatus narinari* ,  
*Dasyatis lata* , *Taeniura meyeni* and *Himantura fai*)  
in Dongsha' s waters  
(Shen et al., 1983; Chen et al., 2011)

- 軟骨魚綱 (Elasmobranchii)
- 正鰩目 (Galeomorphi)
- 鰩科 (Orectolobiformes)
- 異齒鰩目 (Heterodontiformes)
- 白鰩科 (Carcharhiniformes)
- 真鯊科
- 真鯊 (白鰩科屬) *Carcharhinus*
- ~~牙鯊真鯊 *Carcharhinus melanopterus* (NT)~~
- ~~黑邊真鯊 *Carcharhinus limbatus* (NT)~~
- ~~窄尾真鯊 *Negaprion*~~
- ~~尖齒窄尾真鯊 *Negaprion acutidens* (VE)~~
- ~~鰩鰩目 (Squalomorphi)~~
- ~~鰩科 (Rajomorphi)~~
- ~~鰩目 (Myliobatiformes)~~
- ~~鰩科 Myliobatidae~~
- ~~鰩鰩屬 *Aetobatus*~~
- ~~納氏鰩鰩 *Aetobatus narinari* (NT)~~
- ~~土魷科 (魷科) *Dasyatidae*~~
- ~~鰩尾鰩屬 *Taeniura*~~
- ~~邁氏鰩尾鰩 *Taeniura meyeni* (VE)~~
- ~~土魷屬 (魷屬) *Dasyatis*~~
- ~~鬼魷 *Dasyatis lata* (NT)~~
- ~~窄尾魷屬 *Himantura*~~
- ~~費氏窄尾魷 *Himantura fai* (LC)~~
- ~~魷目 (Rajomorphi)~~

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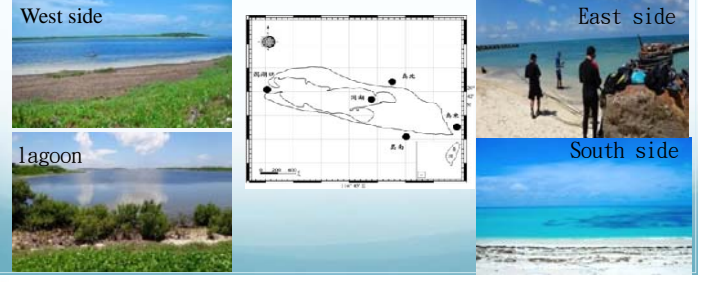
Lemmon shark  
How many? Dangerous?

- So, this study would like to know
  1. How many lemon sharks here?
  2. Where do they live?

Previous study show low visual record here.

三、Method  
1. Diversity and abundance

Fig. 3-1 5 investigating area (west, north, east, , so



Visual method

Fig.3-2 Snorkeling and scuba diving  
50m x 10m area , 2 to 3 person for Visual survey



Measure and record

1. Examine the sex ratio, tagged record and photo
2. Plastic, Tagging on the first dorsal fin
3. Measure Total Length, Fork Length, Precaudal Length ;
4. Catch the DNA and Isotope sample from the caudal fin and anal fin (2cm\*2cm each)for diversity study
5. Find the scar or any signs on the body
6. Measure weight
7. Finally, gently release

Fig. 3-4 Measuring and recording captured sample.



Fig. 3-5 Tagging juvenile lemon shark with plastic tag and microchip.

Population size

Lincoln-Peterson method



$N = (t \cdot n) / R$   
 N: No. of total sharks  
 t: No. of tagged  
 n: No. of captured  
 R: No. of recaptured

Fig. 3-7 Estimation of population size with Lincoln-Peterson method.

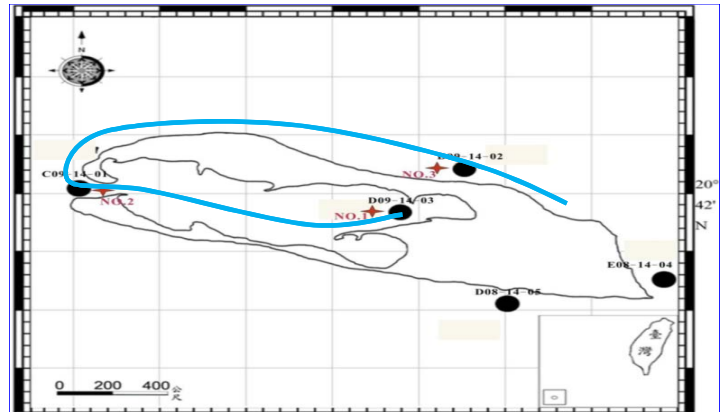


Fig. 3-8 Locations of receivers. Receivers 1, inner side of small lagoon 20°42'19"N, 116°43'30"E; Receivers 2, Gape of lagoon 20°42'25"N, 116°42'38"E; Receivers 3, northern side of Donsha island 20°42'25"N, 116°43'30"E.



Fig. 3-6 Tagging with acoustic tag on the back of shark.

四. Results

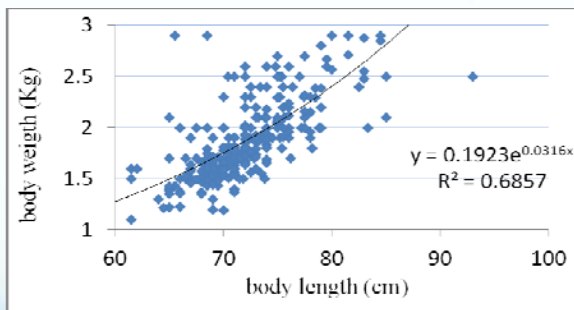


Fig. 4-1 Length-Weight relation of sharp-tooth lemon shark.

Table 4-1. 2014's marked-recapture analysis of lemon shark's population size.

		Total marked	Total capture	Recaptured	Estimated population size	SE		
Estimation		t	n	R	$N = t \cdot n / R$			
	New tagged			recaptured				
	Dead No.			live				
	26	0	0	26	26	0		
	15	0	5	41	41	0		
1st	14	1	1	54	54	16	918	8827
2nd	33	1	4	86	86	38	513	388
3rd	31	0	10	117	117	41	352	105
4th	7	0	5	124	124	12	280	110

Table 4-2、2015' s estimated population size of lemon shark around the waters of Dongsha Island.

月份	Recaptured	New tagged	Total	Mp	Male	Female	Sex ratio
一	2	2	4		4	0	
四	3	7	10		3	7	
五	8	41	49	55	27	22	
七	23	13	36	78	24	12	
十	13	19	32	155	19	13	
十一	22	23	45	167	26	19	
Total	71	105	176	260	103	73	1.41

Table 4-3、Informations about tagged sharks from Oct/2014 to Jan/2016

Shark ID code	Tagging date	Days deployed	TL (cm)	FL (cm)	Sex	Detections
10022	2013/10/24-2016/01/12	446	73.0	61.5	M	199442
10023	2013/10/24-2016/01/12	446	69.5	58.5	F	131029
40000	2013/10/24-2016/01/12	446	72.5	61.0	M	35422
10020	2014/10/27-2016/01/12	443	77.5	65.5	M	184165
10024	2014/10/28-2016/01/12	442	68.5	58.0	F	3110
10021	2014/11/07-2016/01/12	432	74.0	64.0	F	92000
40100	2014/11/12-2016/01/12	427	211.0	174.0	F	733
29500	2015/10/13-2016/01/12	92	101.0	86.0	F	3642
29600	2015/10/13-2016/01/12	92	64.0	59.0	F	7182
29700	2015/10/13-2016/01/12	92	75.5	64.5	M	0
T14823	2015/11/09-2016/01/12	65	182.0	154.0	F	0
T418160	2015/11/09-2016/01/12	65	70.0	60.5	M	0

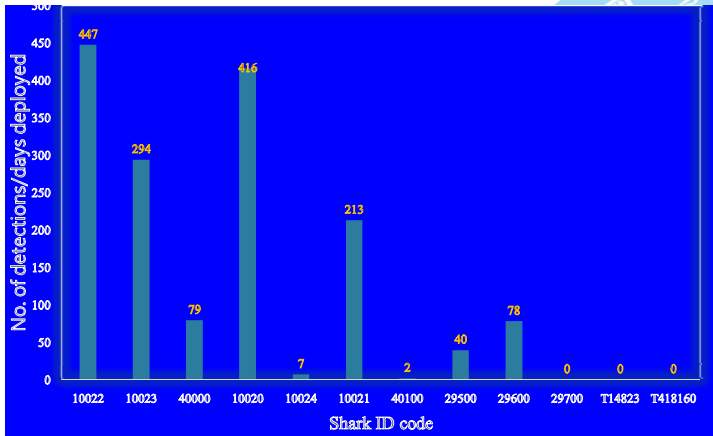


Fig. 4-2 Recording frequency of acoustic tagged lemon shark from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .

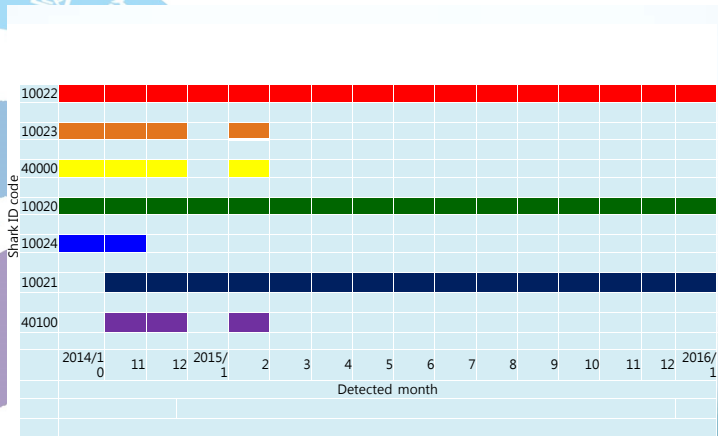


Fig. 4-3 Detected months of acoustic tagged shark from 2014/10 to 2016/1.

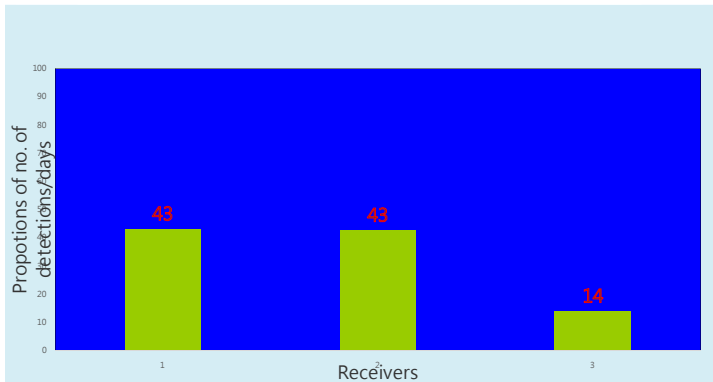


Fig. 4-4 Recording proportions of detections among three receivers from acoustic tagged lemon shark from 10/2014 to 1/2016. "1" receiver located at inner lagoon, "2" receiver located at the gape of the lagoon, "3" receiver located at the northern side of Dongsha island.



Fig. 4-4 Detected density of acoustic tagged lemon shark 10022 from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .

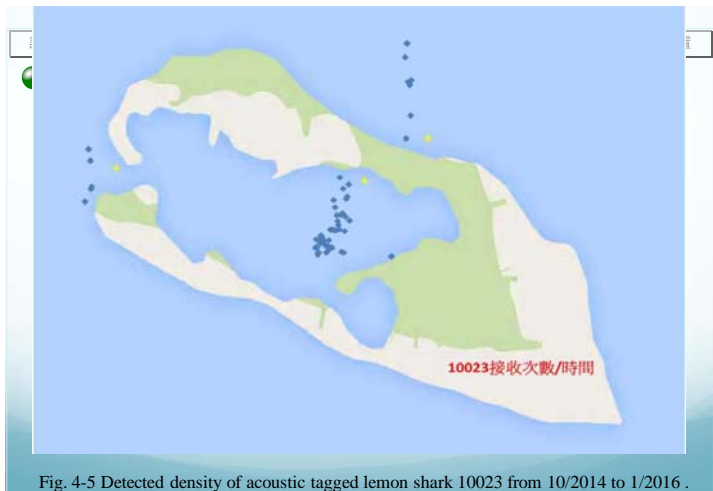


Fig. 4-5 Detected density of acoustic tagged lemon shark 10023 from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .

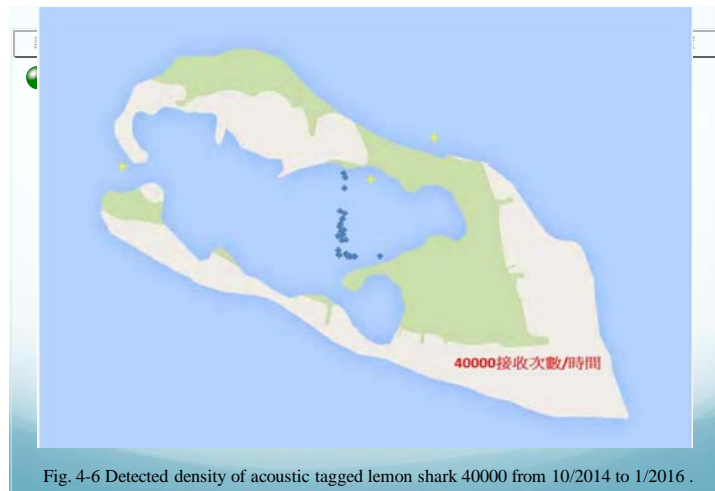


Fig. 4-6 Detected density of acoustic tagged lemon shark 40000 from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .

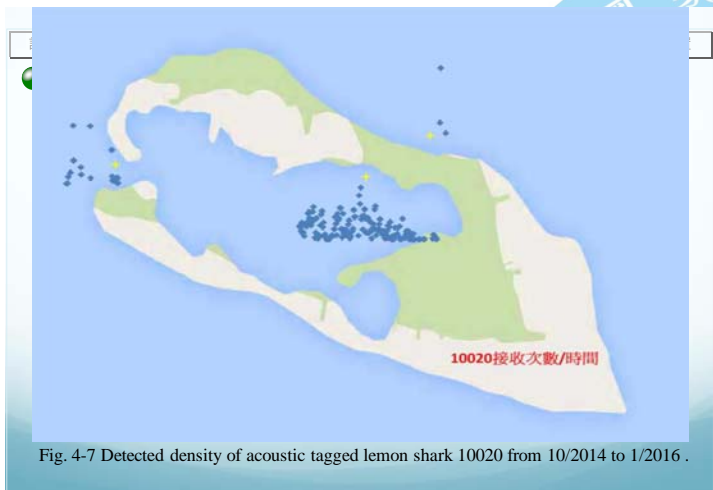


Fig. 4-7 Detected density of acoustic tagged lemon shark 10020 from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .



Fig. 4-8 Detected density of acoustic tagged lemon shark 10024 from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .



Fig. 4-9 Detected density of acoustic tagged lemon shark 10021 from 11/2014 to 1/2016 .

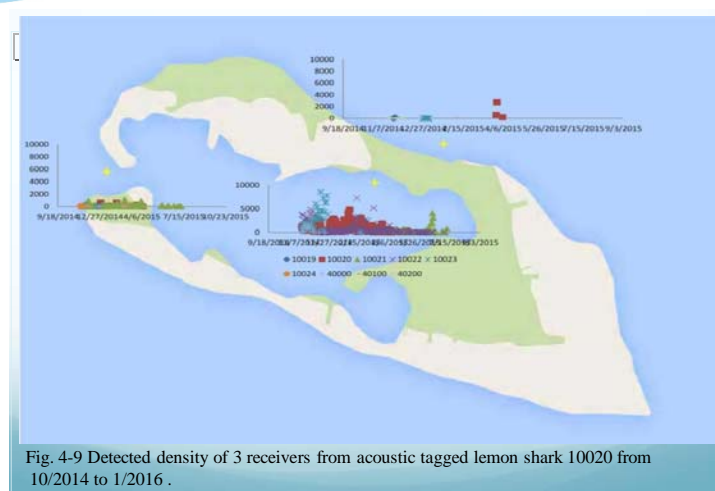


Fig. 4-9 Detected density of 3 receivers from acoustic tagged lemon shark 10020 from 10/2014 to 1/2016 .

### 五. Conclusion

1. According to the 2013-2014's calculations, lemon shark's population size is around 260-280. And most caught samples are juvenile. 檸檬鯊族群大小介於260-280隻。
2. Average TL of sharks caught from southern side > northern side > gape of lagoon > inner side of lagoon. 捕捉大小：南邊大於北邊大於潟湖口大於小潟湖內。
3. Most of young lemon sharks distributed around the inner lagoon of Dongsha island, and the gape of lagoon, which congruent to the results of Murchie et al. 2010 and Filmlalter et al. 2013. 個體密度以小潟湖與潟湖口最高，與之前國外印度洋及大西洋的研究成果一致。

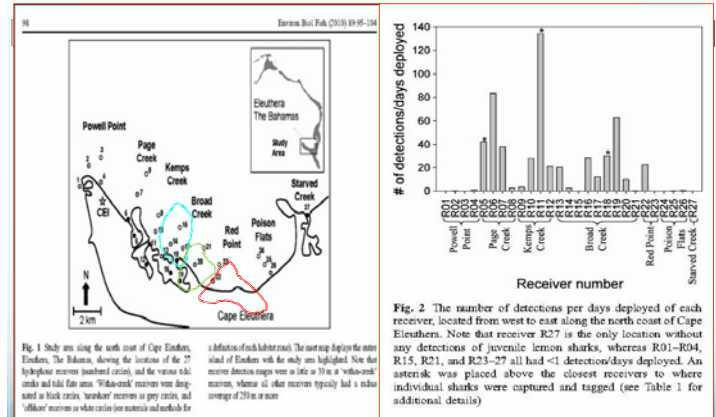


Fig. 4-10 Distribution of lemon shark from Cape Eleuthera, Bahama, Atlantic Ocean (Murchie et al. 2010)。

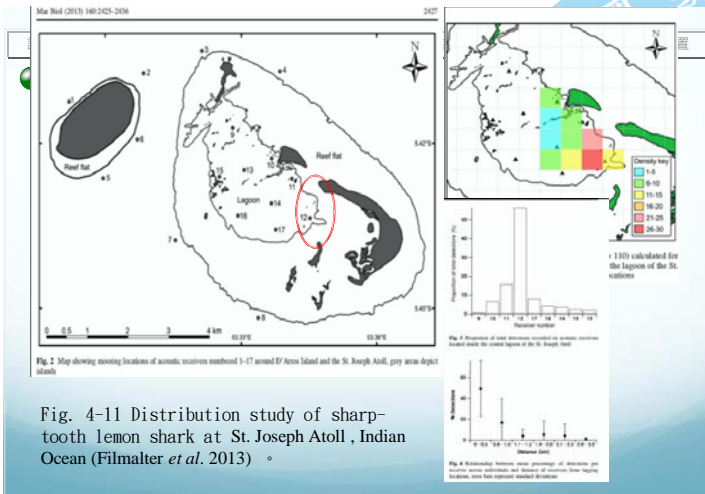


Fig. 4-11 Distribution study of sharp-tooth lemon shark at St. Joseph Atoll, Indian Ocean (Filmlalter et al. 2013)。

4. Dongsha's *Negaprion acutidens*'s haplotype and nucleotide diversity is 0.44 and 0.00074 (more than the world average 0.28 & 0.00056), which shows Dongsha lemon shark population genetic diversity is higher.
5. In view of the neutrality and expansion test, they reveals an isolated group or population here, which shows though Dongsha's lemon shark a higher diversified group, but less or no gene flows with the other population. This results indicate lemon shark do not migrate far away or off the atolls to the other island or coasts of Southeast Asia (congruent to the previous studies).

6. The result of historical demographic analysis (mismatch distribution, neutrality test, Bayesian skyline plots) showing a multi-model distribution, reveals that lemon shark is gradually run into a steady state population without going through population expansion mode. Surmising the lemon sharks migrating along the water of Dongsha atoll has evolved as a separate ethnic group.



Fig. 4-12 Adult lemon shark move around the mouth side of lagoon at 16/4/2013.





Fig. 4-13 Photograph of whip ray and eagle ray from aircraft DJI Phantom 3.

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● This time we just get a little information about the sharp-tooth lemon shark.

Next time we hope could provide more data including juvenile shark's feeding behavior, spatiotemporal distribution, philopatric site, and population expanding.



Fig. 4-15 (1).receiver 1: 20°42'19"N, 116°43'30"E ; (2).receiver 2: 20°42'25"N, 116°42'38"E ; (3).receiver 2: 20°42'25"N, 116°43'30"E - 水深1-5公尺 ; (4).receiver 4: 20°42'196"N, 116°44'237"E ; (5).receiver 5: 20°41'52"N, 116°43'44"E ; (6).receiver 6: 20°42'383"N, 116°42'124"E ; (7).receiver 7: uncalibrated. ; (8).receiver 8: 20°43'100"N, 116°43'825"E ; (9).receiver 9: uncalibrated. ; (10).receiver 10: uncalibrated. ; (11).receiver 11: uncalibrated. ; (12).receiver 12: uncalibrated.

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## Suggestions

1. Over 300 sharp-tooth lemon sharks' tagging and adding more observation during March to June for the verification of possible parturition period
2. Real-time monitoring to find out the sharp-tooth lemon shark or ray' s way of life with live recording
3. More satellite transmitter or acoustic tag trailing the sharp-tooth lemon shark' s migratory route and habitat
4. Long-term recommendations: Dongsha island waters with lots of cartilaginous fish resources may be used as another achievement of conservation action. Conservation of biological breeding ground help preserve its resources, while it can also achieved to enhance ecological balance and sustainable value.

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