



**To all Dive Schools**

**Most of you probably noticed that in the last few weeks, illegal shark fishing increased rapidly in our region.**

**Initially, only a few fishing boats targeted to catch sharks, but unfortunately, after getting the word out, now all the other fishermen found out that shark fishing is a rather profitable business.**

**For dead sharks, prices of 80,- Baht per kilogram and more are paid in Phuket Town harbor.**

**Unfortunately, the authorities don't have the necessary money to restrain shark fishing.**

**Therefore, diving schools should work together with the authorities, to give them the necessary information to stop these crimes on the environment.**

**Therefore we ask all diving schools to inform the TDA if you observe activities like that.**

**Clear photos of the fishing boats with caught sharks are needed, to proof the crime. Furthermore, the photo should show clearly where it was taken.**

**An additional snapshot has to be taken with a basing point such as a rock or an island in the background, together with the fishing boat.**

**TDA is pointing out explicitly, never to take any photos that could jeopardize the safety of the boat or the crew on board.**

**Being the official Dive Association in Thailand, TDA has very good contacts with international shark-protection organizations and with Thai government offices which have the power to stop these illegal acts if evidence is adduced.**

**Everybody's help is requested. To watch and not doing anything about it means, to be complicit, because tomorrow we still want to go diving in a healthy ecosystem and show our guests the fascinating elegance of the sharks time and again.**

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Yours**

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