



## Press Release

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### Presentation of the updated Greek Chondrichthyan Checklist

According to the new and updated Greek Chondrichthyan Checklist, which was developed and published by [iSea](#) in collaboration with the [IUCN Species Survival Commission Shark Specialist Group](#)/ Mediterranean Regional Group and Greek researchers, **the Greek waters host a biodiversity of 61 chondrichthyan species (1 chimera, 34 sharks and 26 batoids) with confirmed presence.**

**On Monday 22 November, there was an online presentation of the book “Greek Chondrichthyan Checklist”,** by iSea’s Director and Member of the IUCN Shark Specialist Group/ Mediterranean Regional Group, Ioannis Giovos, who presented the results of this process and the methodology that was followed.



We warmly thank Dr. Katerina Koutsovoulou, representative from the Green Fund, and Dr. Petros Lymberakis, Chair of the Hellenic Zoological Society, who gave a greeting speech, as well as Dr. Alen Soldo and Dr. Fabrizio Serena (Co-Regional Vice Chairs of the IUCN Shark Specialist Group for the Mediterranean) who talked about the importance of chondrichthyan and their presence in the Mediterranean. Finally, we would like to thank Dr. Yannis Papastamatiou (Assistant Professor at the Department of Biological Sciences, Florida International University) who showcased the importance of checklists in conservation.



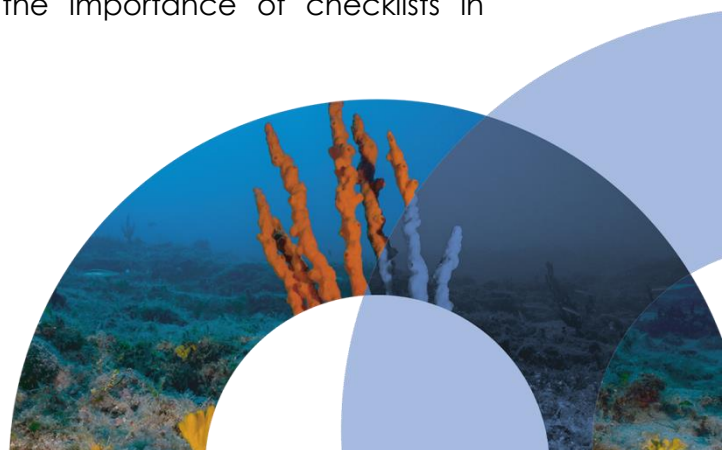
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Chondrichthyans are cornerstones of the structure and balance of marine ecosystems. The Mediterranean Sea is one of the most important seas for chondrichthyans, but at the same time, it is probably the most dangerous area for them. The Greek seas were known to host a rich chondrichthyans biodiversity. However, knowledge regarding these species in Greece is still limited. Hence, more efforts such as this one are needed to collect up-to-date data concerning the species that their presence needs to be confirmed, as their spatial distribution, and ecology to support actions for their conservation.

You can find information concerning chondrichthyan species of Greece at the [National List of Chondrichthyans](#).

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