

Title:	Red List Assessment Authorship		
Purpose:	To follow an effective process for attribution of credit (authorship) and responsibility for Red List Assessments		
Scope:	Shark, ray, and ghost shark Red List Assessments		
Outcome:	Completed attribution fields (Assessors, Reviewers, Contributors, Facilitator) in Red List Assessments		
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Red List Assessments are assigned DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) meaning they are scientific papers, and as such there is a need to recognise contributions. However, as with scientific papers, authorship carries responsibility. As the Shark Specialist Group enters an era of reassessments, we recognise the bulk of the text may have been written by previous Assessors. These individuals may currently not be available to support reassessments and therefore cannot be responsible for the Reassessment status. Only Assessors can be held responsible for the current status of a species and must be available in the event of a challenge or petition. We are therefore moving former Assessors to the Contributor role as this provides both recognition and absolves them of responsibility for the current status decision.



