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Dear Lucy,

The countdown has really begun! With only 10 days until the first day of the Sawfish Workshop at the [Zoological Society of London](#), we are busy pulling

together all the final details, including finalising the text of the draft Sawfish Status Review and working on updating the [Red List Assessments](#) for each species. We will have representatives from the USA, Belize, Brazil, Mediterranean, Senegal, Mozambique, Sudan, India, Australia and the UK as well as from a variety of backgrounds (aquaria, conservation media, policy, government representatives). We have also already begun planning some exciting events after the workshop to publicise the findings, including a 'side-event' at this years Food and Agriculture of the United Nations [Committee on Fisheries](#) meeting (Rome in July), presenting at the [American Elasmobranch Society](#) meeting (Vancouver in August) and the [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#) (Korea in September). While we are still in the planning stages for these additional events, we hope that everything will come together and we will be able to communicate the serious plight of sawfishes, as well as the recommended activities that are required to secure their future, to the many attendees and stakeholders at these meetings.

PADI Project Aware article

Thanks to the efforts of Sonja Fordham, President of [Shark Advocates International](#) and Deputy Chair of the [IUCN Shark Specialist Group](#), the Global Sawfish Conservation Strategy was featured in the May edition of the [PADI Sport Diver Magazine](#)! We would be very interested in writing or being interviewed for other such publications, so suggestions of other avenues would be very welcome.

Project Funding Update

We are pleased to announce that we have received further support for the Global Sawfish Conservation Strategy workshop from [Global Ocean!](#) We will now have representation at the workshop from all regions of the current distribution of sawfishes (USA, Belize, Brazil, Mediterranean, Senegal, Mozambique, Sudan, India, Australia and the UK), which is in line with the recommendations from the IUCN Species Planning Sub-Committee that this process is as inclusive as possible!



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We can also announce the exciting news that we have just received support for Phase 2 of the Global Sawfish Conservation Strategy project by the [Save Our Seas Foundation](#), which includes raising awareness and promoting the findings of the Strategy as well as supporting and empowering members of the Sawfish Network to develop Region Sawfish Conservation Strategies. This is a continuation of funding from 2011 and so we are very grateful to the SOSF team for their continued support.

Thank you again for your participation in this project.

Best wishes

The Sawfish Network Team

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