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The IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group Global Shark Trends Project team has now undertaken two regional projects for IUCN Red List Assessments endemic sharks and rays. In April, with the generous support of the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB), and the South African National Research Foundation (NRF), SSG members and other shark and fisheries experts from across the Sub-equatorial Africa region came together and assessed 105 sharks and rays in Grahamstown, South Africa. This workshop included coastal and shelf species that occur in waters from Kenya to Namibia. For further details, see the press release [here](#). A second workshop was held in May in João Pessoa, Brazil, the week prior to the Sharks International conference. This Atlantic South America project focused on endemic species found from Colombia to Argentina and the Falkland/Malvinas Islands, as well as near-endemic species which range more widely in the Western Atlantic Ocean or into the Southeast Pacific Ocean. Experts attended from Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and the Falklands/Malvinas Islands. The extinction risk of 123 endemic and near-endemic species was assessed.