

The Global Shark Trends Project continues in 2019 and the IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group has completed its first IUCN Red List assessment workshop of the year. Generously hosted by [La Fundación Squalus](#), members of the SSG and external experts convened in Cali, Colombia from February 5th-9th to assess the global extinction risk for 99 species of sharks and rays. The species assessed are endemic or near-endemic to the Eastern Central and Southeast Pacific, occurring from Baja Mexico to the southern extent of Chile. Participants in the workshop represented 9 of the 11 nations with coastlines in the region. Although assessors did worryingly find that some species are threatened, overall the workshop was a resounding success and resulted in a lot of important information coming to light about chondrichthyans in the region. The SSG and the Global Shark Trends team would like to thank all workshop participants and our gracious hosts at La Fundación Squalus. Stay tuned for news about our upcoming assessment workshop for the Western Central and Northwest Atlantic to be held in the Bahamas in June.



Participants at the Pacific South American Red List Workshop in Cali, Colombia. Back row from left to right: Riley Pollom, José Alberto González, Mario Espinoza, Oscar Sosa-Nishizaki, Francisco Concha, Andrés Filipe Navia, Elisa Areano, Paola Mejía-Fala, Ximena Velez-Zuazo, Joe Bizzarro, Jorge Morales, Carlos Bustamante, Itzigery Burgos, Katelyn Herman. Front row from left to right: Enzo Acuña Soto, Juan Carlow Pérez Jiménez, Patricia Charvet, Cristopher Avalos, Dave Ebert, Pete Kyne, Nick Dulvy, Adriana Cevallos.