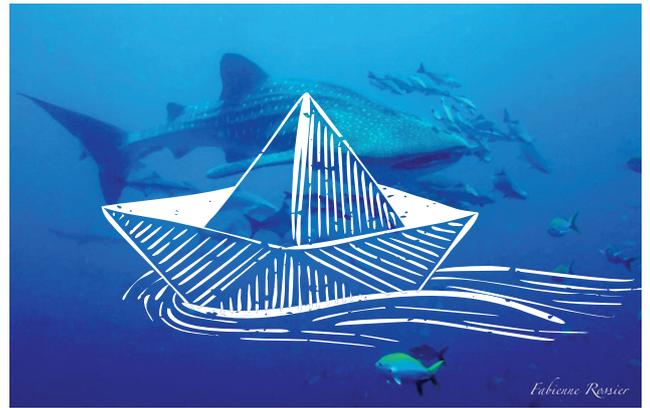# WHALE SHARK CHARTER

Stop collisions between boats and whale sharks.

Sharks Mission France is committed to defend whale sharks.

We must put in place the means to stop this decline.

According to a recent study, there are only 470,000 adult whale sharks left in the world's seas.
This catastrophe is partly due to collisions between boats (ships, cargo ships, tankers, cruise ships or freighters).

Ships travel 10 times faster than the whale sharks they collide with.
In spite of its size, a whale shark will never be able to weigh itself.
Irreversible after-effects for them, even a long agony and death ensues.

The largest fish in the world must not disappear and we must defend it.

THIS IS WHY WE ARE COMMITTED.

1 - We, the maritime transporters, are the most important mode of transport for the international shipment of goods.

2 - We, tankers, being the transport of liquids in bulk, in large tanks or vats, carrying oil, chemicals or gas.

3 - We, cruise ships, specialized in the transport of passengers, whose purpose is to offer a tourist trip at sea.

4 - We, tourist boats, which take people diving and on excursions.

5 - We, governments to do the necessary.

• **To respect the whale sharks, using our sonars to keep them away.**

• **To take lookouts to monitor the open ocean and report the presence of whale sharks at sea.**

• **To be willing to commit to creating a network of migration routes and corridors, for whale sharks.**

Whale sharks play a key role in ecosystems.
They consume large amounts of biomass, and they transport nutrients across habitats.
They connect ocean ecosystems through long migrations.
If they were to disappear, this would lead to an immense loss of functional diversity.

We agree to show our customers, our buyers and the public that we care about preserving these top predators.
That we are committed to the preservation of whale sharks, as well as of the seas and oceans.

Together we will fight so that the largest fish in the world can continue to swim freely.

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