



# SHARK ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL

## 2012 Year in Review



Thanks to the generous support of our funders and partners, it has been another terrific year of growth and accomplishment for Shark Advocates International. In 2012, SAI President, Sonja Fordham:

- **Welcomed** success in the form of:
  - Protections for oceanic whitetip & whale sharks by the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
  - A Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Shark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Conservation Plan
  - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) listing proposals for 11 sharks & rays
  - A landslide victory in the European Parliament in favor of strengthening the EU ban on shark finning
  
- **Presented** shark & ray conservation information at the:
  - Seafood Choices Summit
  - *Sharks in Arabia* Conference
  - East African CITES workshop
  - IUCN global sawfish symposium
  - Humane Society Annual Conference
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Signatories to CMS MoU
  
- **Collaborated** closely with:
  - Shark Trust
  - Shark Alliance
  - World Wildlife Fund
  - SeaWeb
  - Project AWARE Foundation
  - Humane Society International
  - Wildlife Conservation Society
  - Environmental Defense Fund
  
- **Filed comments** on:
  - US, New Zealand & Australia CITES positions
  - US Atlantic fishing restrictions for skates & sharks
  - Marine Stewardship Council certification of dogfish
  - Shark actions by four international fisheries bodies
  
- **Testified** about:
  - Atlantic state shark fishing restrictions
  - Atlantic federal shark fishing restrictions
  - US positions on international shark limits
  - EU shark positions for CITES
  
- **Co-authored:**
  - two scientific papers on shark bycatch reduction
  - the Red List report for North & Central American sharks
  
- **Participated** in workshops on:
  - marine protected areas
  - marine megafauna bycatch
  
- **Received** the IUCN Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership
- **Informed** policy positions of leading US & EU shark science societies
- **Advised** multiple graduate students & conservation organizations
- **Maintained** appointments to several Atlantic shark fishery advisory panels
- **Completed** the content for the SAI website ([www.sharkadvocates.org](http://www.sharkadvocates.org)), and
- **Appeared** in media outlets such as the Washington Post, BBC & MSNBC.

