

### **Deutsche Elasmobranchier Gesellschaft e.V.**

The German Elasmobranch Society, Deutsche Elasmobranchier Gesellschaft, DEG) is a Hamburg-based non profit organization established in 1995 by scientists, journalists and citizens. It is a membership organization which provides a link between the German-speaking public and the science community and its membership consists of biologists, enthusiasts and others concerned about the conservation of threatened sharks, skates and rays (elasmobranchs).

The Society aims to raise public awareness about the threat elasmobranchs face from fisheries and consumption, to provide information about the important role they play in the ecosystem, and works to advance the conservation of sharks, skates and rays through science, education and advocacy.

The German Elasmobranch Society's conservation approach is strictly science-based and it works to deliver effective German, EU and international wildlife protection and fisheries management.

The German Elasmobranch Society is a founding member of the European Elasmobranch Association (EEA), a European umbrella organization for national organizations dedicated to the study, management and conservation of elasmobranch and a member of the Shark Alliance, a coalition of non-governmental organizations dedicated to restoring and conserving shark populations by improving shark conservation policies.