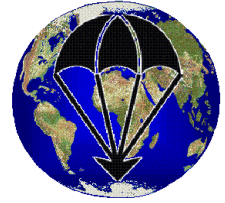


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## OPERATION SHARK 2019



Since 2006 we have been diving with different military units in Asia. In Thailand we dived with the Royal Thai Marine Corps and Rescue detachment of the Royal Thai Patrol Border Police (PARU), with the Maritime Detachment of the Cambodian SF 911 Bde and the Philippine Marine Corps.

In 2019 we start a new chapter! We're diving with sharks!

INTERNATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS® in cooperation with Fuvahmulah Dive will run its first scuba dive event together in April 2019!

### Op Shark 2019

Op Shark 2019 is an operation to introduce people to sharks. Sharks owe a horrible reputation and are killed for soup in millions every year. To make you aware of the harmless to human and the importunateness of sharks to the ecologically systems of the oceans we run this op. This op also offers the opportunity to enhance the diving skills and PADI Brevets.

**Term: April, 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**



*Fuvahmulah Island*



*one of our dive boats*

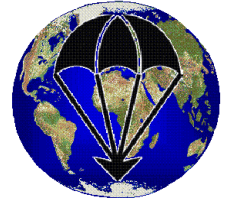
There are not many places around the globe where you can meet that variety of different sharks. Fuvahmulah is outstanding. During almost every dive you meet sharks! Here are some samples:



*Tiger sharks are seen in the Tiger Zoo every day. They're huge often 4m and bigger. They are not aggressive at all and as close up as an arm-length.*

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*Deeps into the blue ocean are very common finding sharks in the strong currents:*



*Tiger sharks also appear from the deep*



*thresher sharks are shy but very often seen*



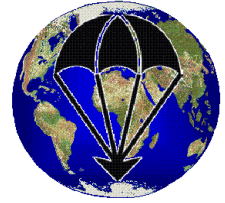
*Hammer-head sharks are also often seen*



*sometimes even a beautiful whale shark*

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*Oceanic White tip sharks (longimanus)*



*silver-tip sharks*



*White and black-tip reef sharks are seen at the many reefs*

Op Sharks 2019 offers 3 dives per day where we try to see sharks every single dive. Our CEO Stefan Eicker tried this location in December 2018 and saw sharks during 8 of 9 dives. Here're a view reviews:

"Did my first dive for today. Diving free in blue ocean, in 30m deepness, nothing around and to see. And suddenly a big very beautiful thresher shark appeared. We swam very fast to follow him for several minutes. At the end he turned around and looked at us. We said good bye and he disappeared in the deep ..."

## **Safety:**

Our guides of our partner Fuvahmulah Dive Center are very experienced. Dives are done without risk as long you follow the instructions and commands of the guides who are also dive instructors. Like in the military they build a safety ring around the guest-divers and know how to react in unusual situations.

## **Requirements:**

Operation Shark 2019 is not fitting absolute beginners in scuba diving. Dives are started often by 30m (100feet) and slowly getting up. Strong currents are very common. Therefore we either require the Advanced Open Water Diver Brevet of PADI or similar. Your last dive should've happened within the last 12 months otherwise you're requested to do a scuba review offered by the center.

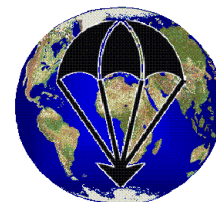
## **AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty course:**

Love sharks? Scared of sharks? Or do you just want to know more about them? Enroll in an AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty course and discover the value of sharks to marine ecosystems and economies. You'll learn more about the causes of declining shark populations and the actions you can take to become a knowledgeable and passionate shark defender. By being informed, you can dispel misconceptions and act to protect sharks. Sharks need you!\*

\*Source: PADI course descriptions

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## Equipment to bring along:

You may bring your own equipment along or borrow at the dive center.

Equipment required:

## Organization:

Number of participants: Minimum 6, maximum 15  
Training facility: Fuvamulah Dive Center  
Accommodation: In tourist class hotels (3\*)  
Meals: Asian food available and Western food at restaurants close by

## Operation Shark 2019 packages:

### Short program 4 nights/ 5 days:

- Arrival day: On April, 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 by 4pm at Male international airport
- Departure day: On April, 5<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Domestic flight to Fuvahmulah island
- 4 nights accommodation including breakfast in tourist class hotels (3\*)
- 9 dives including 1 dive at the Tiger Zoo per day
- All necessary transfers scheduled in the program
- All taxes (12%, 10 %, green tax)

### Long program 5 nights/ 6 days:

- Arrival day: On April, 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 by 4pm at Male international airport
- Departure day: On April, 6<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Domestic flight to Fuvahmulah island
- 5 nights accommodation including breakfast in tourist class hotels (3\*)
- 12 dives including 1 dive at the Tiger Zoo per day
- All necessary transfers scheduled in the program
- All taxes (12%, 10 %, green tax)

## Prices:

Program	Term in 2019	Price in double room occupation	Price in single room occupation	Full equipment rental for the whole term
Short program	April, 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	1350,-€	1490,-€	132€
Long program	April, 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	1550,-€	1790,-€	175€

Not included are the flights from you home destination to Bangkok and meals, drinks and tips.

Scuba review: 120€  
AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty course: 200€

## Registration to participate in our Operation Shark 2019:

Deadline for registration is March, 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. Only a limited number of places available – first come first served! During registration the full price of your package must be wired onto our account.

Registration form upon request by [info@internationalairborneoperations.com](mailto:info@internationalairborneoperations.com)

We are looking forward to meeting you on the beautiful Maldivian sea shore in April 2019.

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