POLYTECHNIC STUDENT EXPOSES PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK IN FAVOUR OF SHARKS IN EUROPE

- Edgar Eduardo Becerril Garcia, a student of Cicimar-IPN, presented his work at the Oceanografic in Valencia, Spain, the largest aquarium on the european continent.

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As part of the awareness-raising actions on the care of marine species, the Oceanomorphic of Valencia, Spain, considered the largest aquarium in Europe, carried out to its space the photographic work of Edgar Eduardo Becerril Garcia, PhD student of the National Polytechnic Institute (IPN), who for more than seven years researches and carries out campaigns for conservation and sustainable management of sharks.

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The PhD student of the Interdisciplinary Center for Marine Sciences (Cicimar) exhibited 20 large-format photographs in the avant-garde architectural complex of the Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciencies, of Valencia, Spain, whose purpose was to raise awareness of the cruelty these species are treated, as well as to generate scientific concern through two scenarios: sustainable harvesting and ecotourism.

The images exhibited under the title: "SOS Sharks" are linked to the research he conducts under the advice of Drs. Mauricio Hoyos and Felipe Galván Magaña, in the Cicimar Sharks and Rays Project, which has earned him honorable mentions and the first place in the National Competition of Nature Photography, organized by the National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (Conabio) and National Geographic in Spanish (2015-2018).
"One may think that SOS means: Help there are sharks in the water! but it's the other way around: Help, the sharks are running out of us! So it is more than anything a call for people to know the biodiversity that exists in the world and in this particular case, focus on the conservation of sharks," emphasized the Cicimar’s Master of Science in Marine Resource Management.

According to the marine biologist at the South Baja California’s Autonomous University (UABCS), more than 500 different species of squall have a primary role in each of the ecosystems where they live, since by controlling the populations of their prey, they maintain the balance of the trófic chain and marine ecosystems health.

Awarded with the 2017 "Lazaro Cardenas" Medal, the highest recognition of the National Polytechnic Institute, in the category of best Master's student in Medical-Biological Sciences area, Becerril García lamented that sharks are still seen as the great predators "eat men", when in fact they are focused on trapping their prey and feeding, especially crabs, octopuses, squid or seals, depending on the species.

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