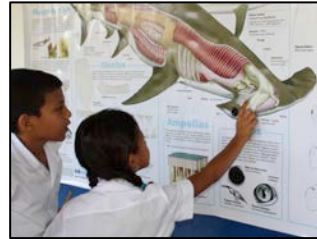


Since 2017 MarAlliance has been conducting education and outreach activities in Panama, including classroom visits, interactive activities, community presentations, and participatory training workshops.

Niños del Mar ('Kids of the Sea') is MarAlliance's marine education program focused on primary school students.



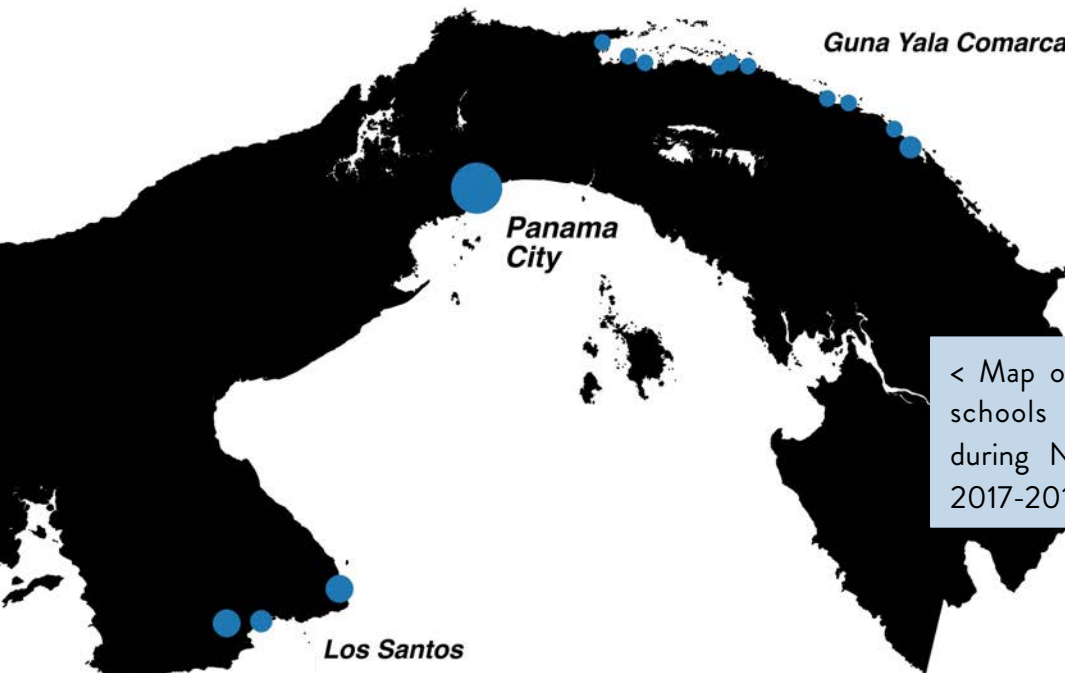
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primary school students and teachers engaged through classroom visits and activities



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primary schools visited in **3** provinces

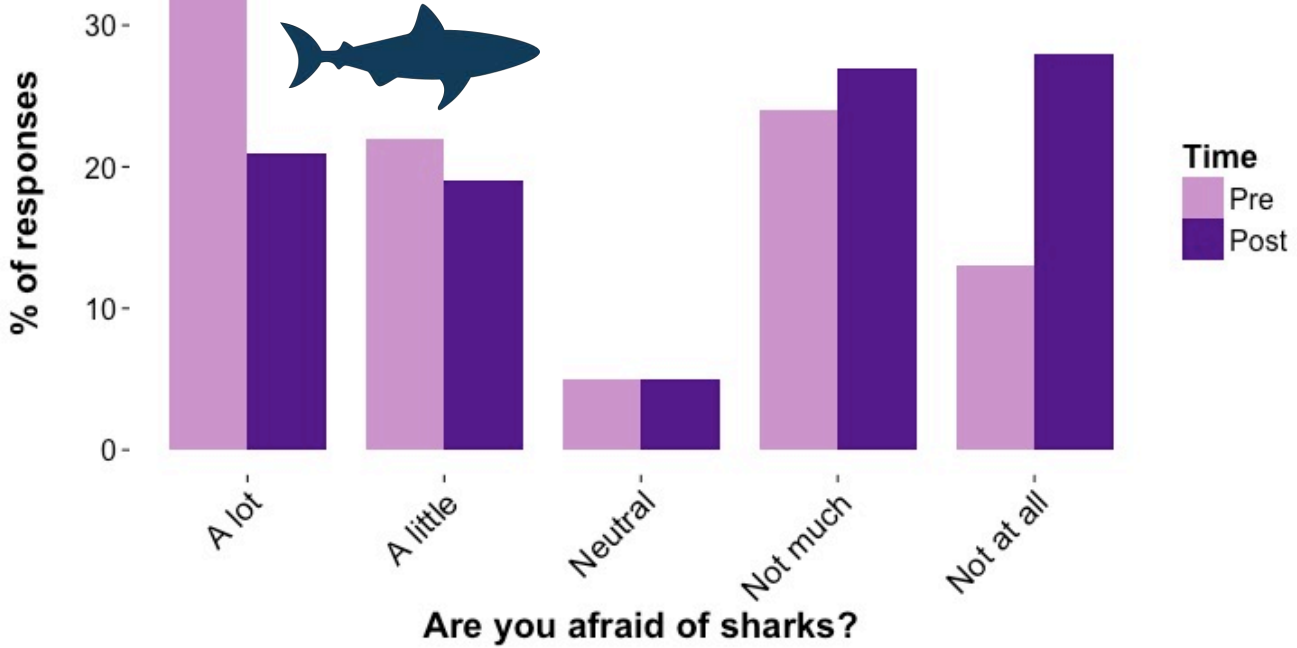


< Map of Panama with locations of schools and communities visited during Niños del Mar activities in 2017-2018

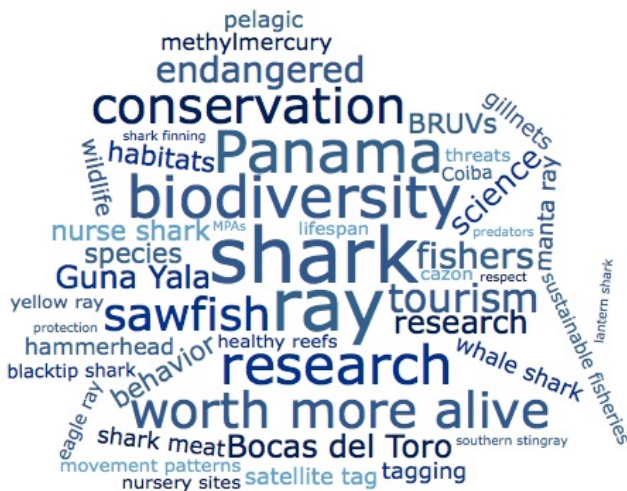


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< Graph showing changes in children's perception of sharks before (Pre) and after (Post) our Niños del Mar classroom visits in 2017.



Our presentations cover the diversity, biology, behavior, threats, research, and conservation of long-lived fish such as sharks and rays to change perceptions and behaviors. We use rapid surveys to assess changes in students' perceptions and knowledge before (Pre) and after (Post) classroom visits (see graph above). We have found that most students surveyed do not know that they consume shark meat, which is often mislabeled– highlighting the need for education on responsible seafood consumption. We further integrate active learning on conservation concepts such as sustainable fisheries, ecotourism, Marine Protected Areas, and responsible seafood consumption (see word cloud below).



^ 'I'm worth more alive': Students at a primary school in Panama City pledge not to eat shark meat