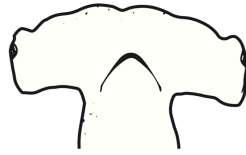


## PROJECT HIU



### ITINERARY

Not long ago a small team of hopeful conservationists went to a place world renowned for its horrific shark market and exposed contribution to the shark fin trade. Our aim was different to every team that had been there in the past as we were not there to film or condemn the trade, we were there to befriend the fishermen, and work with them. On day one we went to the market and saw two boats unload around 80 dead sharks of all different species, we began to talk to the captain, and this conversation was the beginning of Project Hiu. How do you end generations of shark fishing that makes just enough money to feed families? You don't, you replace it. 'Project Hiu' (Hiu meaning shark in Indonesian), is an initiative to provide alternative incomes to fishermen in one of the largest shark fisheries in Indonesia.

I never thought I would be bringing people from all over the world to Lombok to join me on these boats, it is actually a dream come true. The slow development of my project relies on you joining me so that I am able to return here and offer the fishermen the income for their vessels for us, which keeps them from taking the boats to fish sharks. You won't be joining me on a functioning fancy or structured tourist trip, you'll be helping me and learning with me. We will make mistakes, be disrupted by the weather, the shark fin trade, and the fact that conservation is our main goal. These are also the things that make these trips so authentic and surreal adventures. Although we may not decommission this vessel from shark fishing full time, we have and will have decrease the impact it makes on the ocean. We are slowly changing mentality, and you will get to see this first hand.

**DRAFT ITINERARY** (our activities depend on weather and our days may change.)

#### **DAY ONE - Arrival**

Participants arrive in Lombok throughout the day. Meet and greet at the hotel. Free time until 3pm when we meet for orientation and welcome drinks. Dinner at 6:30pm. I will be there on this day and probably doing things in town so please feel free to join me.

#### **DAY TWO – The shark market**

In my opinion, this is the most important day. You are going to see dead sharks being dragged from boats to the market floor and processed to be shipped around the world and divided into local trades. You will see them being finned and even interact with the men buying the fins. There are times when there are no sharks, and times when there are hundreds, it all depends on the day. This day is so important because we cannot ignore the fact that this continues and you will be spending the rest of the week on one of the boats directly involved in this trade. This is usually a 5am start.

#### **DAY THREE – Day on the water**

This is the first day you'll get to meet our shark fishermen and spend the day on their boat. We all travel together via car from the hotel for an hour to where we board their vessel. We will then go looking for amazing coral reef and visit a local site where we always find baby sharks.

#### **DAY FOUR – Day on the water**

Another early day travel to the shark fishing boat. Depending on weather we may also surf this day. There is potential to spend the night on the shark fishing boats on this day too. Weather permitting, we may travel to a nearby island to look for marine life like manta rays and sharks and there we might stay overnight.

#### **DAY FIVE – Village visit**

On this day we jump on the water in the fishing boats and take a short trip to the small island known as 'Fishermen Island' where we will spend the day. This is a huge privilege for us as we are invited to interact with the families of the shark fishermen we work with. The island is a huge part of Project Hiu and I've decided to contribute to their waste management and the local school in order to add incentives to the community to choose tourism over fishing. We will visit the school and bring them supplies and learn how we can further help them.

#### **DAY SIX – departure**

The final day is when we say goodbye and fly home (or quite our jobs and move to Lombok forever).