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Drinking for a Cause Shark Trust Wines takes a pinch of education, a handful of conservation and healthy dose of heady libation, lets it ferment and serves it up to shark-loving, wine-drinking divers across the country. The winery makes two reds, two whites—and for every bottle sold, at least 10 percent of the proceeds go toward shark research and education. Shark Trust also sells its wine onboard Guadalupe Island live-aboards, where 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to on-island research. sharktrustwines.com

Adopt-a-Shark

Donate directly to hammerhead, great white and whale shark tagging projects at Guadalupe and the Galapagos Islands through Iemanya Oceanica's shark adoption program. The cost is \$49.99, and you'll get a package with an "adoption certificate," a biography of your chosen shark, T-shirt and more. Then check the web site for updates on yours and all the sharks tagged and monitored with Adopt-a-Shark funds. adoptashark.com



DVD: *Island of the Great White Shark*

For more about shark diving at Guadalupe Island, check out this new documentary from RT Sea Productions. Get a glimpse of day-to-day life taking the plunge from a Guadalupe live-aboard, meet on-island researcher Mauricio Hoyos and learn how divers can help keep this shark spot swimming. islandofthegreatwhiteshark.com



SHARK NEWS

GREAT WHITES OFF-LIMITS AT ISLA GUADALUPE?

Mexico's Green Party seeks to shut shark divers out of the country's great white hot spot.

WITH EASY ACCESS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, blue water with vis that tops 100 feet and one of the world's largest nearshore populations of great white sharks, Mexico's Guadalupe Island makes for one hell of a shark diving destination. But cage-diving days here may be numbered. Last May, Mexico's Ministry of the Navy banned chumming at Guadalupe after the country's Environment and Natural Resources Committee presented a list of allegations to the federal government regarding Guadalupe's shark diving operations. "Some of the allegations were pretty horrific," says Patric Douglas, CEO of dive operator Shark Diver. "That we use the fat of seals to attract the sharks, train the sharks to kill the local fishermen and put toxic chemicals and blood mixtures into the water that kill the seals—they just aren't true." The committee also asked the federal government to consider limiting next year's permits for diving activities within the Guadalupe Biosphere Reserve, which was created in 2005. "We're right on the edge of becoming something amazing, or losing it completely," Douglas says. "I think we're going to squeeze out a season this year, but the future looks pretty grim." Douglas hopes he and his colleagues can turn the situation around through communication and cooperation with the Mexican government, and he says the best chance for keeping the biosphere open is comprehensive research on the animals and cooperation with the Mexicans in the shark tourism field. Douglas says in an open letter to the Mexican Congress, "We stand ready and committed to working with the Mexican government in developing this site as a world-class ecotourism and white shark research destination."

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