

‘Sharks’ a highlight of prince’s visit

HRH Prince William expressed a keen interest in Australia’s marine life and its conservation during a visit to the Marine National Facility Research Vessel *Southern Surveyor* – owned and managed by CSIRO – as part of his recent trip to Australia.



Credit: Belinda Mason, CSIRO

During the visit, William chatted with CSIRO scientists about climate and sustainable fisheries research, as well as the unique varieties of coral, deep-sea fish, crustaceans and sea stars found in Australian oceans. CSIRO Chief Executive, Dr Megan Clark, presented the prince with a copy of *Sharks and Rays of Australia* – a book showcasing over 300 Australian shark, ray and chimaerid species. The book, written by CSIRO scientists Dr Peter Last and Dr John Stevens, was given to William in recognition of his personal interest in marine conservation and sustainable fishing practices.

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