

## **SHARK MONITORING**

### **FOCUS:**

Monitoring the *Carcharhinus Longimanus* (Oceanic Whitetip sharks), within the Egyptian Red Sea.

### **PURPOSE:**

The aim of the 'Shark Monitoring Project' is the collection of basic population data on Oceanic Whitetip sharks (*Carcharhinus Longimanus*), in the Egyptian Red Sea. Their natural markings make these sharks easily identified individually. Due to their curiosity and readiness to closely approach diving safari vessels, their zodiacs, and the divers and snorkellers themselves, these markings are frequently documented on underwater photographs and videos.

During this week, divers will experience some of the most pristine diving that the Red Sea has to offer, as well as becoming involved in a fundamental study of one of the world's most unique marine inhabitants. The week aims to involve close encounters with sharks, with the possibility to observe them in their natural habitat.

The week will offer the opportunity to:

- Learn about the biology and behaviour of the Red Sea Longimanus
- Learn and develop skill in Marine Biological studies; collecting data, species identification, analysing data, future development of the study
- Enjoy fantastic diving on some of the most unique Red Sea reefs
- Close encounters with sharks\*

\*Shark sightings cannot be guaranteed, although we aim to pick the right time of year and area to increase chances.

### **EXPERTLY RUN:**

blue o two has employed the expertise of Elke Bojanowski, Ph.D. As well as an experienced Red Sea dive guide, Elke is a Biologist and initiator of the Longimanus Project. Elke began the Longimanus Project in October 2004 and since this date she has been actively collecting underwater photographs and video-clips of the Oceanic Whitetip for catalogue, review and analysis. Elke would need to be on-board to guide your group through this project.