

# PROJECT PORTRAIT

A public opinion of Shark Exclusion Net and Shark Management on Fish Hoek Beach  
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## What is this project about?

The aim of this paper is to analyse from a management point of view whether the users of Fish Hoek beach support the shark exclusion net, whether they feel safer swimming within the net, and whether they would like to see the net become a permanent feature of the beach.

Surveys were conducted on Fish Hoek beach with the support of the Shark Spotters programme.

## The findings

- 59% of the respondents were satisfied with the manner in which sharks were being managed on Fish Hoek beach.
- A significant number of respondents felt there is enough information available about the shark exclusion net and other mitigation measures.
- Although, respondents are concerned that the exclusion net, despite its efficiency in shark management could cause environmental harm.

The project was completed in **August 2014**.



Example of a shark net

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