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# Record your shark sightings

**Shark researchers are asking for people's help to identify and record shark sightings from around the world,**

Without even encountering a shark in the wild, it is still possible to contribute to SharkBase ([www.sharkbase.org](http://www.sharkbase.org)) by submitting sightings seen in the news or on the internet.

Ryan Kempster and Channing Egeberg lead the UWA team in collaboration, with the UWA's neuroecology group.

He said advances in

modern technology meant almost everyone now had access to camera phones that they could use to record wildlife encounters.

"Through SharkBase, we now have a place to bring all of these sightings together, to be used by scientists to better understand the distribution and population structure of sharks around the world," Dr Kempster said.

"We believe that citizen science could hold the key to improving our understanding and management

of shark populations, whilst also advancing community education."

The researchers are also appealing to dive clubs and other marine societies to encourage their members to get involved and start submitting their shark sightings.

The UWA team is led by Dr Kempster and Channing Egeberg in collaboration with the UWA Neuroecology Group, led by Professor Shaun P. Collin, within the school of animal biology and the UWA Oceans Institute.