Great Eggcase Hunt

The Shark Trust's Great Eggcase Hunt is a citizen and community science recording project which encourages members of the public to search for and submit eggcases of oviparous Chondrichthyans. By recording spent eggcases that wash ashore, or those seen developing in-situ, we can get a better understanding of the presence and diversity of oviparous species in different regions. The project was established in the UK in 2003, but has since spread throughout Europe and, increasingly, the rest of the world, with eggcases now submitted from over 30 countries!

To date, the Great Eggcase Hunt database has records of ~350,000 eggcases from 46 species. In addition, the Shark Trust has received images and specimens sent by colleagues from fish markets, surveys, museums, and aquariums, as well as those from interested members of the public around the world.

A host of identification materials are available, covering a variety of regions and languages, to assist those who require help with eggcase identification, and these resources continue to evolve.

This map displays the data gathered by the Shark Trust to date, featuring:

- Species recorded, country, and whether submitted to the:
  - Great Eggcase Hunt (including records of beach finds, in-situ observations, and survey data);
  - specimens from museum collections and aquariums;
  - other photos and specimens sent to the Shark Trust (NB: this map doesn't yet feature eggcases from published literature).
- Project partners and regions where Great Eggcase Hunt identification materials have been developed (countries in **yellow**).

In addition, this map features sister projects that have been established by Marine Dimensions in Ireland and Association Pour l'Etude et la Conservation des Sélaciens (APECS) in France (NB: this map does not incorporate their records).

Get involved!

We'd love to expand our eggcase collection – if you have images or specimens from other species around the world then we'd love to hear from you!

Submit your eggcase finds at **www.sharktrust.org/recordyoureggcase** or contact us at **eggcase@sharktrust.org**

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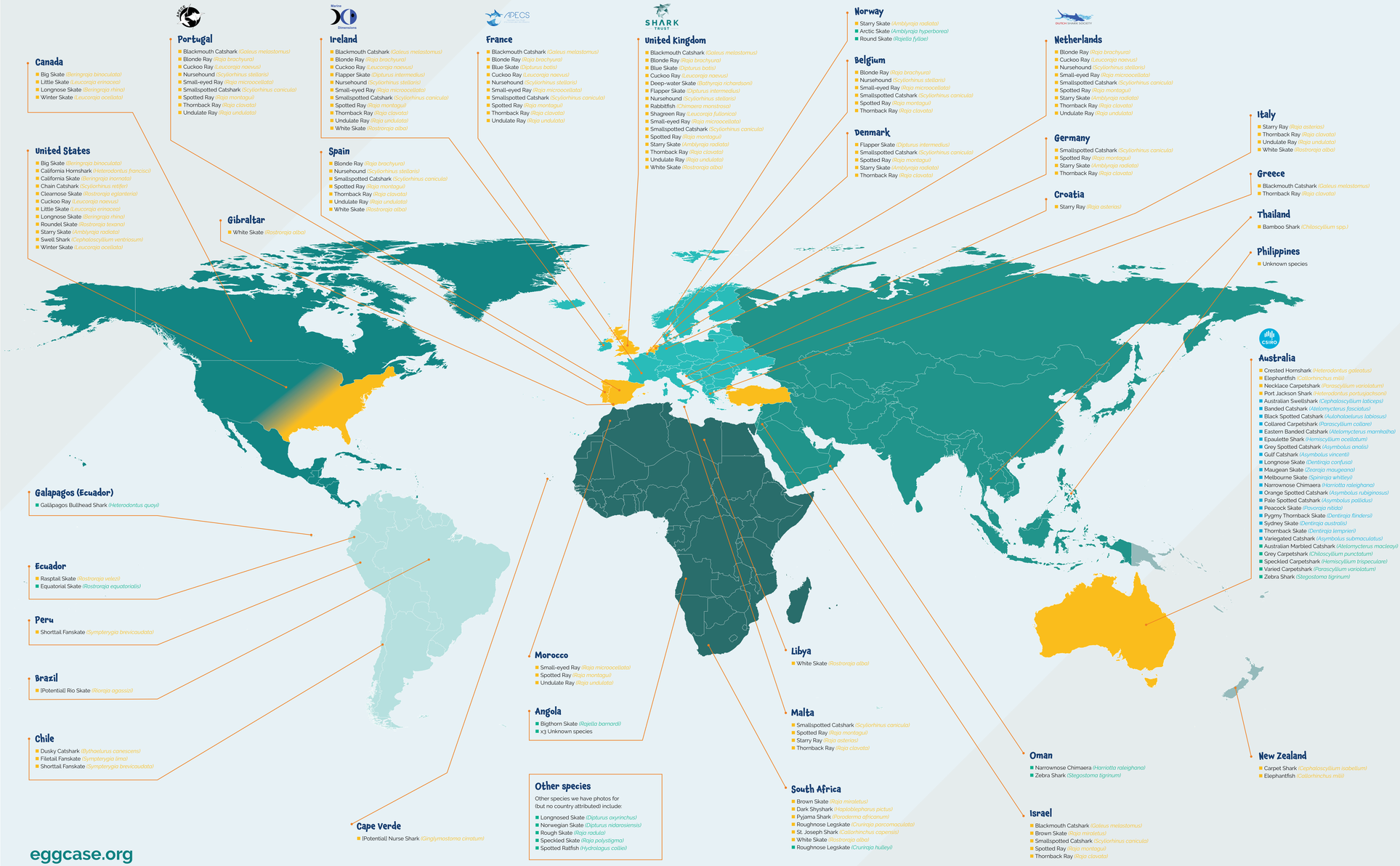

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