

e-Lasmobranc PROJECT

New technologies for the research of elasmobranchs in southeastern Spain



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Introduction

Elasmobranchs play a crucial ecological role in marine ecosystems. However, scientific knowledge about many species remains limited, and some are particularly difficult to identify. This challenge is compounded by widespread social misconceptions, often driven by sensationalist films and media, which have significantly contributed to the stigmatisation of these animals.

Objectives

To apply emerging technologies to enhance knowledge of elasmobranch species in south-eastern Spain, with the aim of integrating this information into the regulatory frameworks, management strategies, and monitoring plans of the study areas.

Actions

Workshops

Target groups

Unemployed people

Fishermen

Students



Image 1: Awareness-raising workshops

Fisheries catches analysis

Commercial fisheries catches analysis



Image 2: El Campello Fish market (Alicante, Valencian Community)

Recreational fisheries catches analysis

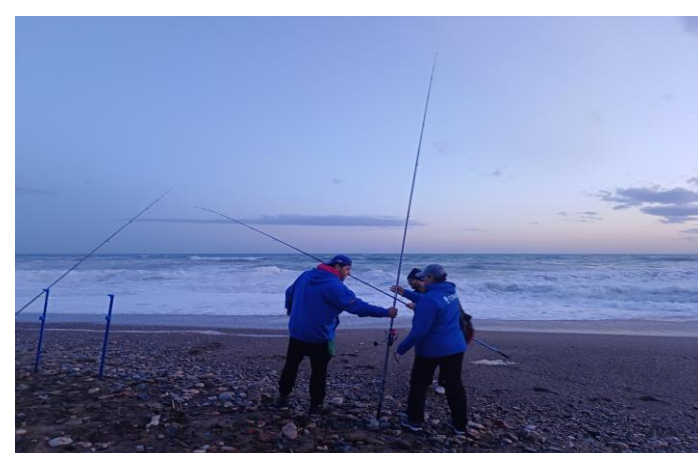


Image 3: Recreational fishing championship La Marina (Elche, Valencian Community)

Labelling images for species identification

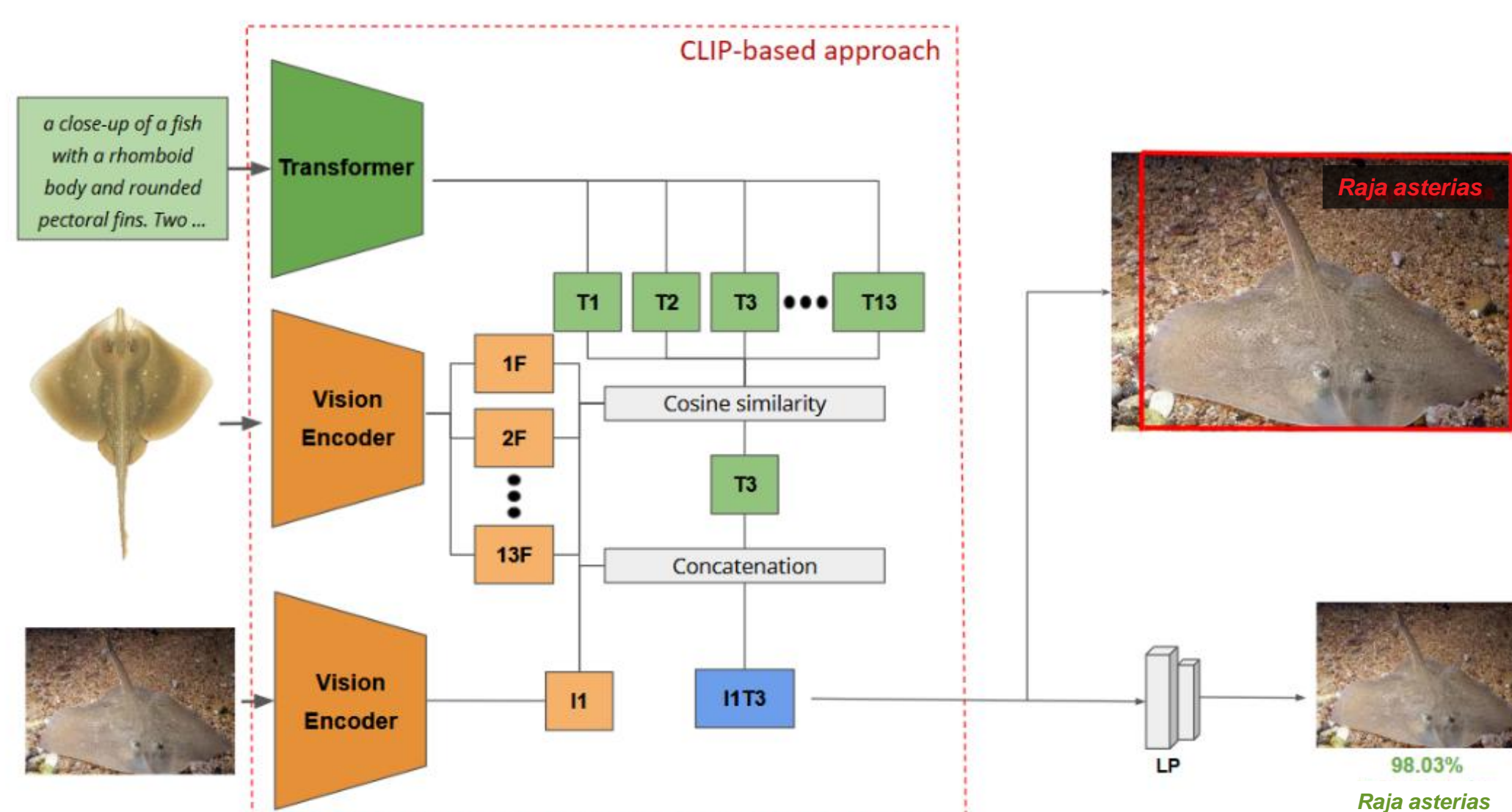
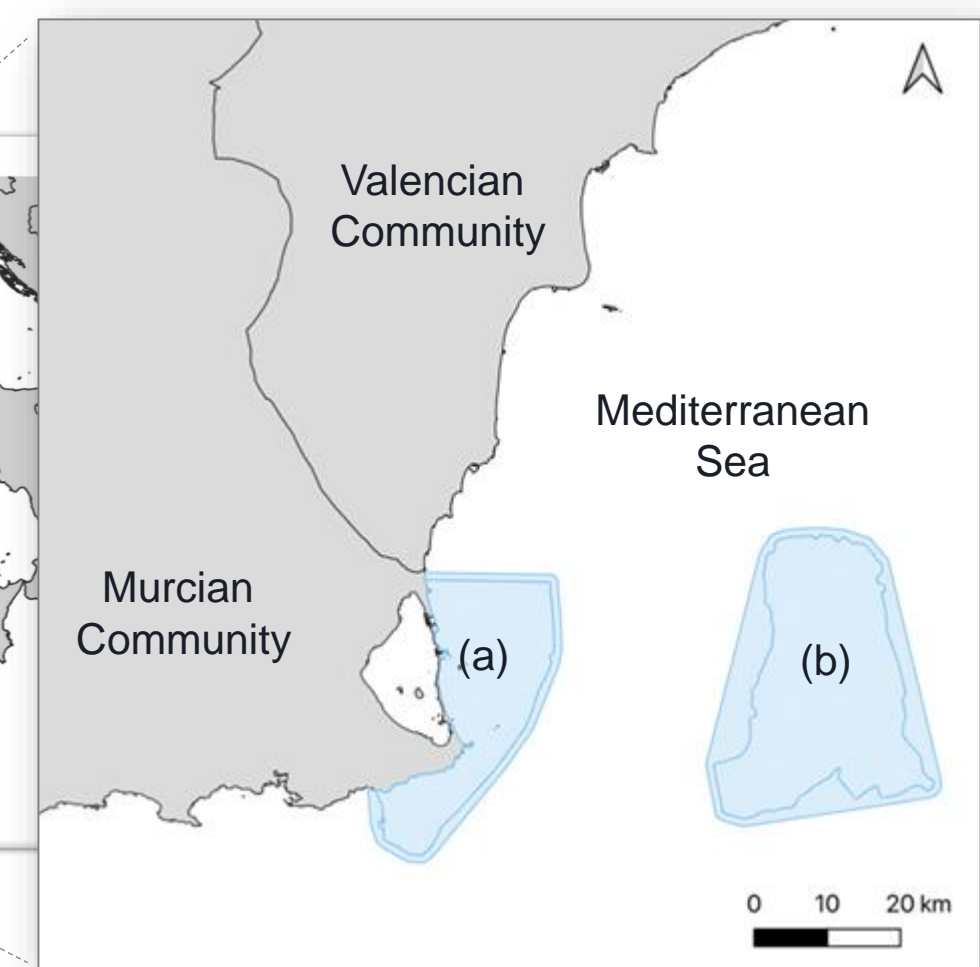


Fig. 1: Proposed architecture of the framework, showing key components and workflow

Study area



Fig. 2: Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs). Murcia Eastern coast (a) Murcia Pockmarks (b)



Preliminary results

Analysis of catches in fishing championships

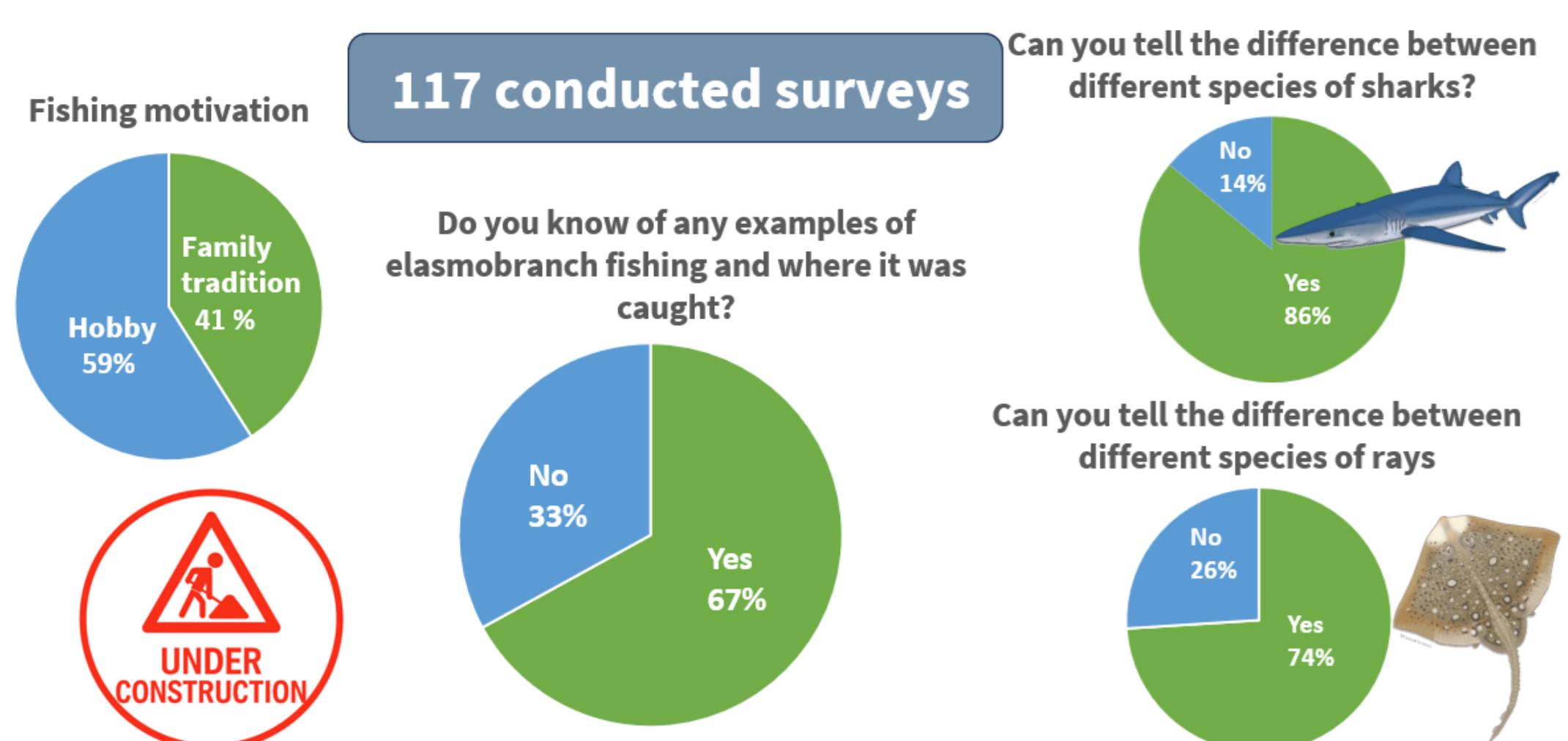


Fig. 3: Surveys analysis

Protocol elasmobranch image capture

Recreational fishing sector



Scientific observers

Commercial fishing sector

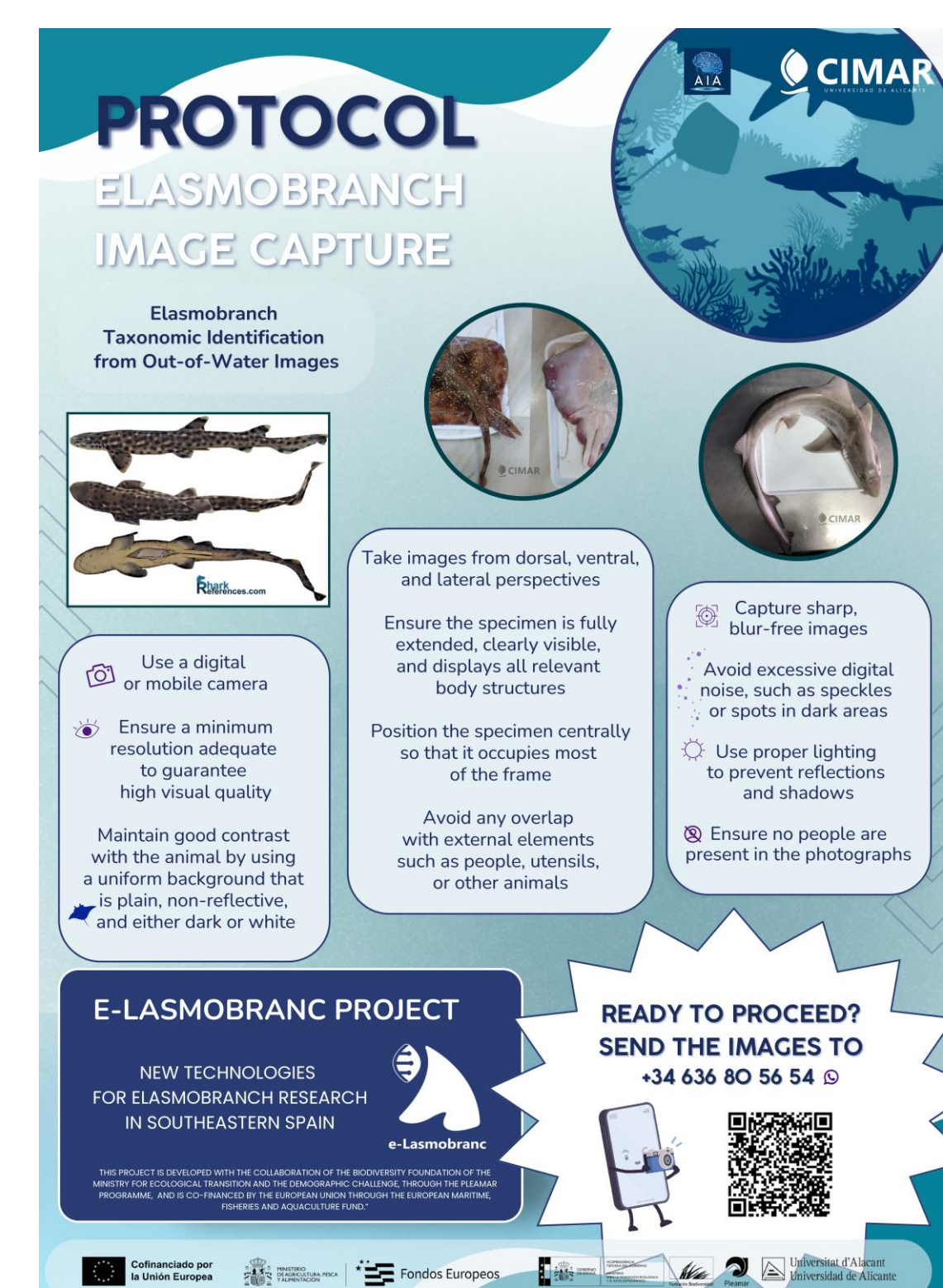


Image 4: elasmobranch protocol snapshot

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