



## Global FinPrint Spokesperson Bios



**Dr. Demian Chapman**

**Global FinPrint Co-Lead and Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and Institute of Environment, Florida International University**

Demian Chapman is a molecular ecologist by training and leads the Global FinPrint project and studies the Asian shark fin trade. He has published more than 70 scientific papers and appeared on BBC and the Discovery Channel. His efforts have contributed to species protection in the form of a shark sanctuary in The Bahamas, improved shark management in Belize, and the listing of multiple shark and ray species on the Convention on International

Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), to name a few.



**Dr. Mike Heithaus**

**Global FinPrint Co-Lead and Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences & Education at Florida International University**

Dr. Mike Heithaus is a marine ecologist specializing in predator-prey interactions and the ecological importance of sharks and other large marine species. Heithaus is the principal investigator and co-principal investigator on grants totaling \$28 million. His research leverages a number of cutting-edge technologies, including drones and animal-borne cameras, to unravel the mysterious lives of hard-to-study marine creatures. His work in

Shark Bay Australia is the most detailed study of the ecological role of sharks in the world. Working with several prominent non-governmental organizations, it has been used as the underpinning for affecting positive policy changes. He received a B.A. in Biology from Oberlin College in 1995 and completed his Ph.D. at Simon Fraser University in 2001.



**Dr. Aaron MacNeil**

**Lead Author of the Global FinPrint study and Associate Professor at Dalhousie University**

Dr. MacNeil conducts broad-scale research into the function of coral reef ecosystems and the development of effective approaches to fisheries management. As primary author of the Global FinPrint paper on reef shark abundance, he uses statistical models to understand the roles that fish and humans play in marine ecosystems, and to make optimal conservation decisions for ocean resources. MacNeil's work has developed key baselines for ecosystem-based management of coral reefs and has established greater understanding of the trophic

structure of coastal food webs, particularly among large sharks. He is the author of numerous conservation and resource management articles in peer-reviewed journals such as Ecology Letters, PLoS ONE, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and Nature.



**Rebecca Ng**

**Senior Program Officer, Vulcan Inc. and portfolio manager for the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation**

Rebecca leads marine wildlife and ocean health projects and programs on behalf of the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. She currently chairs the Advisory Board to the Shark Conservation Fund and brings over 15 years of experience leading diverse groups to accomplish ambitious projects. Previously, Rebecca was Program Lead for the Greater Mekong Program at World Wildlife Fund. She has a BSc from the University of Waterloo and an MSc from McGill University.