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A team member of Oceans Aware enjoying the company of local learners during a session of "Meet the Sharks".

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Oceans Aware writes:

With 2010 almost over, Oceans Aware would like to take the time to thank the people of Mossel Bay for their co-operation and support of the "Meet the Sharks" programme.

We have successfully hosted around 2 500 school children this year and taught them the value of the marine environment and sharks in particular.

Since Oceans Aware began the "Meet the Sharks" educational programme, Romonza have provided a discounted boat trip for learners, Dias Museum has hosted children with us, Meet the People have provided transport and Renaissance Design Studios have printed posters for us, so that we can give each child a memento of the day.

Big Blu have also helped us out many times, by allowing us to use their back room, plus providing us with discounted

meals for the children.

More recently, Point Hotel have allowed us to host classes in their conference room, which allows us to comfortably seat more people and George municipality have offered to help transport children to Mossel Bay.

Also a huge thanks to Craig Bacon of Viking for providing us with small sharks, caught as by-catch, for dissection, as this is a very important part of the programme.

We would like to remind schools that we will be continuing the programme into 2011 and we aim to see even more children - so please book now!

Finally Oceans Aware is looking for an educator that would like to help out with the "Meet the Sharks" programme, who can speak Afrikaans and who has a passion for marine life. For more information about the programme, bookings and availability, please contact Kim on 044 690 5799 or send an e-mail to info@oceans-aware.org