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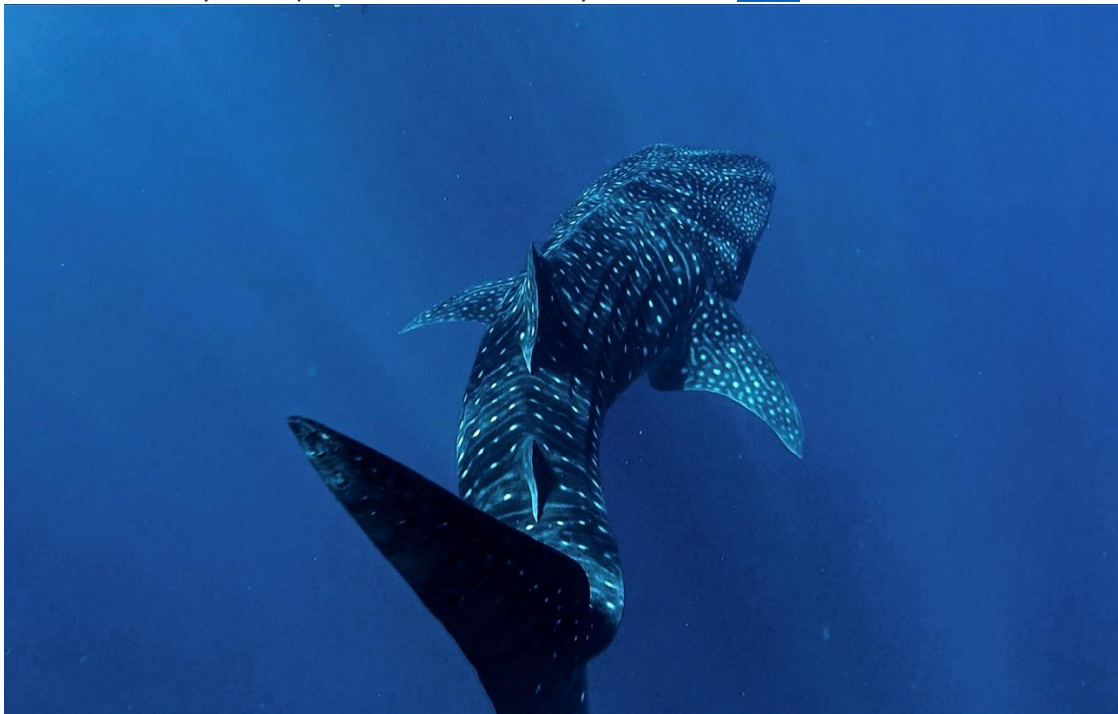
Statement — Panama Expands Marine Protections for Coiba Ridge, Safeguarding Endemic, Threatened, and Migratory species

Washington, D.C. (Tuesday, June 8, 2021) — Joaquín Quinto Labougle, Regional Program Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean for the Blue Nature Alliance, offered a statement in support of Panama’s expansion of the Coiba Ridge marine protected area (MPA), which will now cover an area totaling nearly 68,000 square kilometers. With this designation, on World Ocean Day, Panama becomes one of the few countries to protect at least 30 percent of its waters – a global target many scientists say humanity must achieve by 2030 to secure the long-term health of our planet.

“We applaud Panama’s leadership and bold action expanding marine protections for Coiba Ridge - a key link to the Eastern Tropical Pacific for many migratory fish and mammals, last refuge for a number of threatened animals, and home to an exceptional array of creatures found nowhere else on earth. The Blue Nature Alliance and SkyLight are partnering with the Ministry of the Environment, MigraMar, and WildAid Marine, and committed to coordinate with Global Fishing Watch to support effective monitoring, management, and enforcement for the conserved waters.”

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Whale shark in Coiba by Candy Real