

Detecting, counting and following the giants of the sea: a review of monitoring methods for aquatic megavertebrates in the Caribbean

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Table S1. Methods applied for marine mammals monitoring in the Caribbean

UAVs = Unmanned aerial vehicles, PAM = Passive acoustic monitoring, Si = Sirenians, Ce = Cetaceans

Country	Interviews	Review	Aerial Surveys	Boat based surveys	Land-based surveys	Mark-recapture	Citizen science	UAVs	PAM	Telemetry	Source
All Caribbean (Ce)		•		•							[1-3]
Belize (Si, Ce)		•	•	•		•		•		•	[4-23]
Colombia (Si, Ce)	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	[24-33]
Costa Rica (Si, Ce)	•	•	•								[34-37]
Cuba (Si, Ce)	•	•	•	•							[38-42]
Deutch Antilles (Ce)		•	•	•			•				[43-48]
French Guiana (Si, Ce)	•		•	•							[49-51]
Guatemala (Si)			•	•							[21, 52, 53]
Honduras (Si, Ce)	•		•			•					[54-57]
Lesser Antilles (Si)				•					•		[43, 51, 58-63]
Mexico (Si, Ce)		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	[4, 14, 21, 64-77]
Nicaragua (Si)	•		•								[37, 78]
Panamá (Si)	•		•	•		•			•	•	[79-84]
Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands (Si)	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	[42, 85-90]
Suriname (Ce)				•							[91]
Venezuela (Si, Ce)	•	•	•	•	•				•		[92-97]

Table S2. Methods applied for elasmobranchs monitoring in the Caribbean

UVC = Underwater visual census, BRUV = Baited remote underwater video

Country	Reviews, Interviews fisheries monitoring	Aerial Survey	Boat-based surveys	UVC	BRUV	Photo-identification	Capture, tagging and telemetry	Citizen monitoring	Source
Belize (<i>Cp, Da, Gic, Rt</i>)	•			•	•	•	•		[98-107]
Central America							•		[108]
Colombia (<i>Cl</i>)	•						•		[109-112]
Dutch Caribbean					•				[113]
Greater Caribbean (<i>Uj</i>)								•	[114-116]
Honduras (<i>Rt</i>)			•			•	•		[117, 118]
Mexico (<i>Rt, Mb</i>)	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	[119-130]
Venezuela (<i>Cp, Nb, Pg</i>)	•					•			[131-137]
Virgin Islands (<i>Cl, Gac, Nb</i>)							•		[138-141]

Cl: *Carcharhinus limbatus*, *Cp*: *C. perezi*, *Da*: *Dasyatis americana*, *Gac*: *Galeocerdo cuvier*, *Gic*: *Ginglymostoma cirratum*, *Mb*: *Manta birostris*, *Nb*: *Negaprion brevirostris*, *Pg*: *Prionace glauca*, *Pp*: *Pristis pectinata*, *Rt*: *Rhincodon typus*, *Uj*: *Urobatis jamaicensis*.

Table S3. Methods applied for marine reptiles monitoring in the Caribbean

Country	Interviews, reviews	Spotlight surveys	Daylight surveys	Aerial surveys	Catching and sacrifice	Monitoring nesting grounds	Monitoring feeding grounds	Telemetry	Mark-recapture	Source
Belize (Ca, Cm)	•	•	•					•	•	[142-156]
Cayman islands (Cm, Ei)						•		•	•	[157, 158]
Colombia (Cc, Ca, Cca, Cm, Dc, Ei)	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	[159-168]
Costa Rica (Cm, Dc, Ei)	•		•			•	•	•	•	[169-176]
Cuba (Cc, Ca, Cr, Cca, Cm)		•		•	•	•			•	[177-190]
Dominican Republic (Ca, Cm, Ei)		•	•			•			•	[191-194]
French Guiana (Dc, Mn)		•				•		•	•	[173, 195-198]
Lesser Antilles (Dc, Ei)						•		•		[199-202]
Guatemala (Cm)		•							•	[203]
Honduras (Cc, Ca)		•								[204]
Mexico (Cm, Ca, Cca, Cm, Ei)		•				•		•	•	[203, 205-214]
Nicaragua (Cc, Ca)		•								[204]
Puerto Rico (Ei)									•	[215]
Suriname (Cm, Dc)						•				[216, 217]
Venezuela (Cc, Ca, Cca, Dc, Ei)	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	[166, 218-235]

Cc: *Caiman crocodilus*, Ca: *Crocodylus acutus*, Cm: *Crocodylus moreletii*, Ci: *Crocodylus intermedius*, Cr: *Crocodylus rhombifer*, Mn: *Melanosuchus niger*, Cca: *Caretta caretta*, Cm: *Chelonia mydas*, Dc: *Dermochelys coriacea*, Ei: *Eretmochelys imbricata*.

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