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## **Auckland Museum Shark Necropsy a Huge Success**

The public necropsy of a Great White Shark by Auckland Museum and the Department of Conservation is being described as a huge success.

The event - the first of its kind for the Museum - organised to raise awareness of the threats facing the Great White species, was watched by a crowd of close to 4000 people, both from grandstands and on screens inside the Museum.

The necropsy was also watched live by over 30,000 people around the world on the Internet, and is now available to view from the Auckland Museum website.

The procedure was carried out by Marine Scientist Clinton Duffy from the Department of Conservation's Marine conservation Section, and Auckland Museum's Marine Curator Dr. Tom Trnski.

"This was a fantastic and rare opportunity to bring the public face-to-face with a Great White, both to promote the conservation this magnificent and vulnerable species, and to further our knowledge of Great White biology," says Dr. Trnski.

The operation examined and measured the shark's internal organs and stomach contents – which included the remains of fish, parasites, a fishhook and nylon wire.

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