



Dr. Mahmood Shivji, OC Professor was recently invited to give a talk at the inaugural Florida Sea Grant Coastal Science Symposium held last week at UF.

This symposium was organized to commemorate the 150 year anniversary of the Land Grant University System established by Congress, and of which Sea Grant is a part of of which NSU is a member.

Dr. Shivji was one of 3 recipients to be awarded the Florida Sea Grant “Research to Application” award for the impact of his earlier Guy Harvey Research Institute work on shark DNA forensics and its application to aid law enforcement and characterization of the species composition and volume of the global shark fin trade. The other 2 awards were given to faculty members from FIU and UF who study hurricane wind impacts on buildings and seafood safety, respectively.

This work was partly supported in the early years (2002-2007) by Florida Sea Grant funding. The findings from his global fin trade work continue to be widely cited and used to press for improved shark conservation measures.