

Gibbs Kuguru Biography

A leading Kenyan shark scientist and recipient of the National Geographic Wayfinder Award (2022), **Gibbs Kuguru** studies shark DNA to better understand the unique dynamics that shape global shark populations. Working extensively with great whites at a cage-diving company, Kuguru honed his seafaring and shark-wrangling skills, and has applied them to a number of other species—including hammerheads, threshers, blues, and sand tiger sharks. As a conservationist, Kuguru advocates for the stewardship of nature, and for the sustainable use of resources to support biodiversity.