



30/05/2025

To the Oceania Chondrichthyan Society (OCS),

This is a letter of support for the nomination of Professor Colin Simpfendorfer for the OCS Lifetime Achievement Award. As a former student, and a friend of Professor Simpfendorfer, I cannot think of a person more deserving of this award.

Professor Simpfendorfer is a leader in the field of Chondrichthyan research which is highlighted in the literature by countless publications in scientific journals, technical reports and books. His work has and continues to improve our knowledge of Chondrichthyans in the Oceania region and globally, highlighting the importance of their ecological role in the ecosystem as well as striving for their conservation. In addition to his research expertise, Professor Simpfendorfer is an exemplary supervisor who inspires his students to produce high quality work, moulding them into a respectable and high achieving scientists.

As a former student of Professor Simpfendorfer, I consider myself extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to work alongside him and learn from his wealth of knowledge. Throughout the duration of my study, Professor Simpfendorfer provided guidance and encouragement that inevitably lead to the successful completion of the project and a foot in the door to many other opportunities. Although I no longer work alongside Professor Simpfendorfer he still plays a pivotal role in my life, guiding me through challenging times and offering invaluable advice.

The OCS Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to someone who has demonstrated a significant contribution to our knowledge of chondrichthyan biology and/or conservation, who has made an impact at a national, regional or global level and has demonstrated influence, inspiration and/or mentorship. I believe that Professor Simpfendorfer has met all criteria for this award, making significant contributions to Chondrichthyan research not only in the Oceania region, but on a global scale, and has demonstrated outstanding levels of influence, inspiration and mentorship, and therefore I strongly recommend his nomination for the OCS Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sincerely,

Mr Lachlan George

Field Technical Officer
Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre
Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS)
School of Sciences and Engineering
University of Tasmania

**Institute for Marine and
Antarctic Studies**

20 Castray Esplanade
Battery Point
Hobart Tasmania
7000 Australia

T +61 3 6226 6379
imas.hobart.reception@utas.edu.au
www.imas.utas.edu.au
ABN 30 764 374 782 / CRICOS 00586B

utas.edu.au