

SHARK WARS

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?



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Log line

Marine scientist, **Amanda Elizabeth** is passionate about protecting one of the most deadly predators in the world. She also wants to save human lives. Amanda will travel to some of the most beautiful but dangerous dive spots on the planet in search of a solution to help end **The Shark Wars**.

Short Synopsis

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Are we really under threat from sharks? If we are, how *should* we respond?

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The Shark Wars are between those who see sharks as an enemy that must be destroyed and those who see sharks as one of the planet’s most extraordinary life forms in need of our protection.

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Amanda will meet shark attack victims, mums on the beach, psychologists, scientists, surfers, fishermen and politicians as she traverses the world looking for answers.

First she will examine the facts around shark attack numbers and explore the nature of our fears. Are they a rational reaction or are they a primal response bearing little relationship to the statistical chances of being attacked. And what part has the media and politics played in how we have formed our collective view?

Then she will look our responses so far to this threat, real or perceived. Amanda will travel to places where governments have decided to cull sharks using environmentally brutal drum lines and nets. Diving on these sites in some of the most shark populated parts of the ocean she will show us first-hand how this method indiscriminately destroys sea life whilst making little impact on shark attack numbers and the safety of humans.

While exposing the killing of sharks Amanda will show what would happen if this approach was taken to its natural conclusion. What would the ocean be like if large numbers of big sharks were killed?

Next she will travel to a place where surfing, swimming and diving has been banned in fear of sharks. This intense reaction has caused major damage to the livelihoods of people involved in tourism on this island. It seems out of proportion. Imagine if this was always the response to things that threaten us.

Amanda will ask, in both these cases, is this really about our safety or is it about media optics and the authorities needing to *look* like they are doing something?

Finally, Amanda will look at the only sustainable solution; finding credible environmentally sound ways of reducing risks for humans when they enter the water. From large-scale population protection like shark barriers to cutting edge personal protection systems Amanda will get in the water and find ways of deterring sharks from humans. She will do it in some of the most exotic but sharky places in the world.

From tropical wonderlands to the cruel Southern Ocean, from those who have experienced the merciless attack of a super predator to those who are returning the favour to sharks. This will be a dramatic, confronting documentary with ***Amanda Elizabeth*** well and truly immersed in the action.

The risks involved will be worth it to help end ***The Shark Wars***.