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In addition to whales and whale sharks, Dearden has helped protect forests in Cambodia, plovers in Malaysia, conservation parks in Tanzania and Ghana, dugongs (a marine mammal similar to Florida's manatee) in Thailand, elephants in Sri Lanka, and tigers in China.

Dearden's work in Thailand has provided evidence for conservationists to argue for greater protection for sharks. He's now implementing a global survey on the value of shark diving, and he and his students are devising management guidelines for the activity.

Dearden is leader of the marine protected area working group of the national Ocean Management Research Network and co-chair of Parks Canada's National Marine Conservation Area's marine science network. He also leads the marine protected area research group within UVic's Department of Geography.

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