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PREFACE

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Total Length (TL)
Scientific name: *Alopias pelagicus* Nakamura, 1935
Common name: Pelagic thresher
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 130–365 cm
Depth distribution: up to 152 m
Conservation status: CITES Appendix II, IUCN Red list 2018: Endangered
Scientific name: *Alopias superciliosus* (Lowe, 1839)
Common name: Bigeye thresher
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 100–460 cm
Depth distribution: up to 500 m
Conservation status: CITES Appendix II, IUCN Red list 2018: Vulnerable
Scientific name: *Atelomycterus marmoratus* (Bennett, 1830)

Common name: Coral catshark

**TL at birth and TL at maximum size:**

10–70 cm

**Depth distribution:**

inshore areas

**Conservation status:**

IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos* (Bleeker, 1856)

Common name: Grey reef shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 45–145 cm

Depth distribution: up to 280 m

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus brevipinna*  
(Müller and Henle, 1839)

Common name: Spinner shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 60–220 cm

Depth distribution: up to 75 m

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus falciformis*  
(Müller and Henle, 1839)

Common name: Silky shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 53–230 cm

Depth distribution: up to 500 m

Conservation status:
- CITES Appendix II
- IUCN Red list 2017: Vulnerable
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus leucas* (Müller and Henle, 1839)
Common name: Bull shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 55–230 cm
Depth distribution: up to 150 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus limbatus*  
(Müller and Henle, 1839)

Common name: Common blacktip shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 38–190 cm

Depth distribution: continental and insular shelves

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus plumbeus* (Nardo, 1827)
Common name: Sandbar shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 52–240 cm
Depth distribution: up to 280 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red list 2010: Vulnerable
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus melanopterus* (Quoy and Gaimard, 1824)

Common name: Blacktip reef shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 33–200 cm

Depth distribution: shallow reef areas

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus sorrah* (Müller and Henle, 1839)
Common name: Spotttail shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 45–160 cm
Depth distribution: up to 140 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Chiloscyllium plagiosum* (Bennett, 1830)

Common name: Whitespotted bambooshark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 10–95 cm

Depth distribution: inshore areas

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Chiloscyllium punctatum*
Müller and Henle, 1838

Common name: Brownbanded bambooshark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 13–105 cm

Depth distribution: inshore areas

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2015: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Chiloscyllium hasseltii* Bleeker, 1852

Common name: Indonesian bambooshark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 9–61 cm

Depth distribution: inshore areas

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Galeocerdo cuvier* (Péron and Lesueur, 1822)
Common name: Tiger shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 50–550 cm
Depth distribution: up to 150 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2018: Near Threatened
Scientific name: Hemigaleus microstoma Bleeker, 1852

Common name: Weasel shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 26–94 cm

Depth distribution: inshore areas

Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Vulnerable
Scientific name: *Hemipristis elongata* (Klunzinger, 1871)
Common name: Snaggletooth shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 45–240 cm
Depth distribution: up to 132 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2015: Vulnerable
Scientific name: *Isurus oxyrinchus* Rafinesque, 1810

Common name: Shortfin mako shark

TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 60–400 cm

Depth distribution: up to 500 m

Conservation status: CITES Appendix II

IUCN Red List 2018: Endangered
Scientific name: *Isurus paucus* Guitart Manday, 1966
Common name: Longfin mako shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 97–417 cm
Depth distribution: epipelagic, oceanic
Conservation status: CITES Appendix II
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Common name: Blue shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 35–380 cm
Depth distribution: up to 600 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2018: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Rhizoprionodon acutus* (Rüppell, 1837)
Common name: Milk shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 29–178 cm
Depth distribution: up to 200 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Least concern
Scientific name: *Scoliodon laticaudus* Müller and Henle, 1838
Common name: Spadenose shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 12–74 cm
Depth distribution: close inshore
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2010: Near Threatened
Scientific name: *Sphyrna lewini* (Griffith and Smith, 1834)
Common name: Scalloped hammerhead shark
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 40–420 cm
Depth distribution: up to 275 m
Conservation status:
- CITES Appendix II
- IUCN Red List 2018: Critically Endangered
Scientific name: *Squalus megalops* (Macleay, 1881)
Common name: Shortnose spurdog
TL at birth and TL at maximum size: 20–77 cm
Depth distribution: up to 732 m
Conservation status: IUCN Red List 2019: Least concern