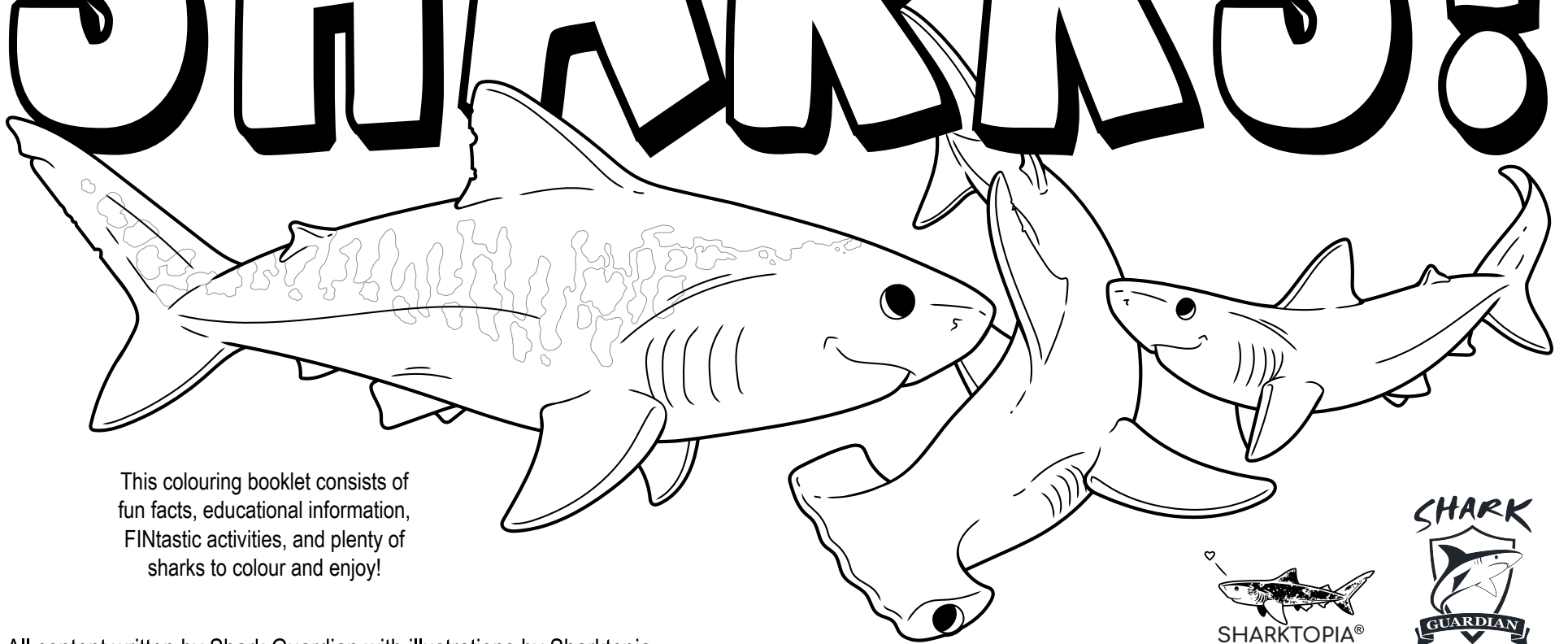


FOR THE LOVE OF SHARKS!



This colouring booklet consists of fun facts, educational information, FINtastic activities, and plenty of sharks to colour and enjoy!

All content written by Shark Guardian with illustrations by Sharktopia



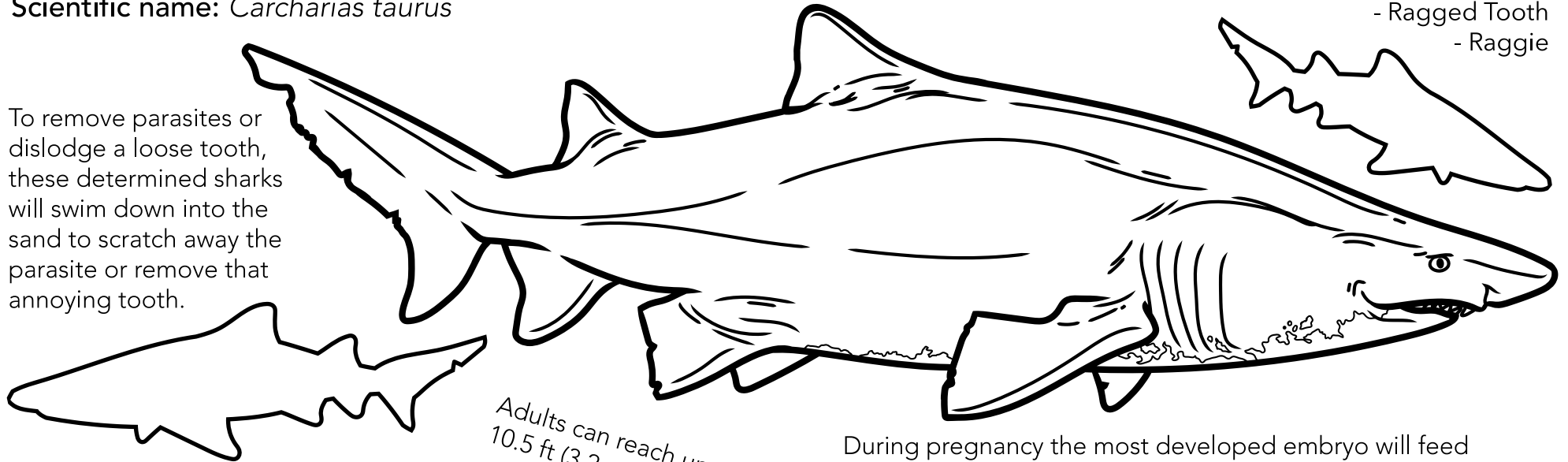
SAND TIGER SHARK

ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR THIS SHARK:

- Grey Nurse
- Ragged Tooth
- Raggie

Scientific name: *Carcharias taurus*

To remove parasites or dislodge a loose tooth, these determined sharks will swim down into the sand to scratch away the parasite or remove that annoying tooth.



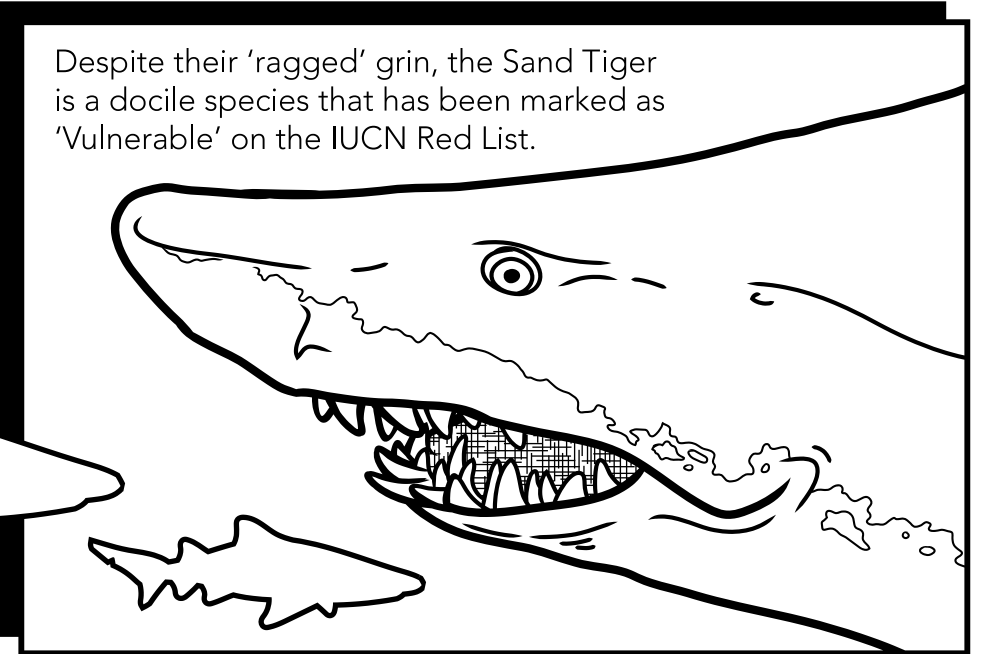
Adults can reach up to 10.5 ft (3.2 m) in length

During pregnancy the most developed embryo will feed on its siblings. This is known as intrauterine cannibalism.



Sand Tigers surface and gulp air to help maintain their buoyancy.

Despite their 'ragged' grin, the Sand Tiger is a docile species that has been marked as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List.



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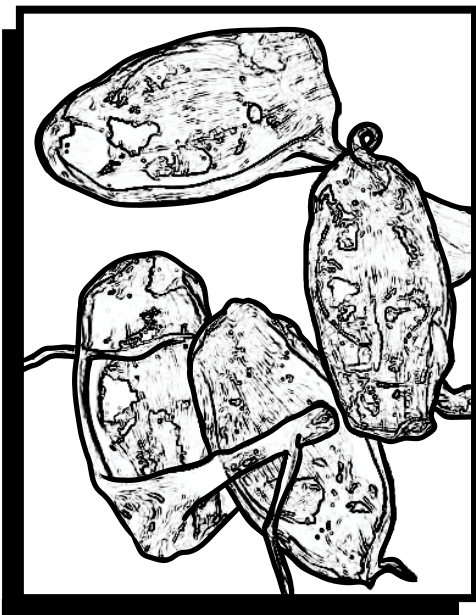


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Also known as the "Leopard Shark"

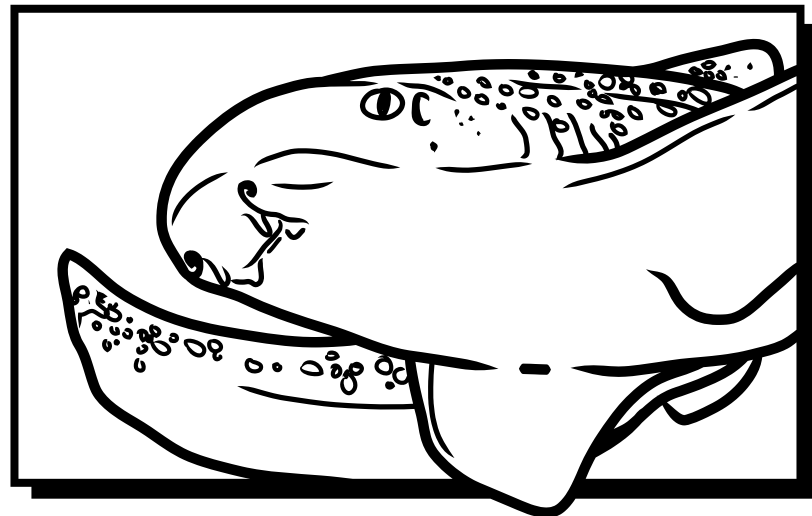
ZEBRA SHARK

Scientific name: *Stegostoma fasciatum*



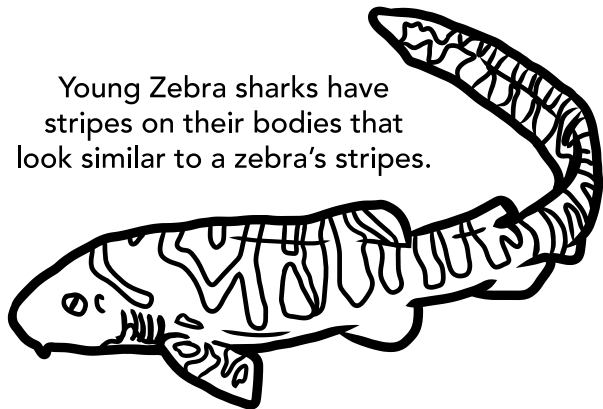
They are the largest egg laying shark with the largest eggs as well.

The average length of these "mermaid purses" (eggs) is approximately 20cm.

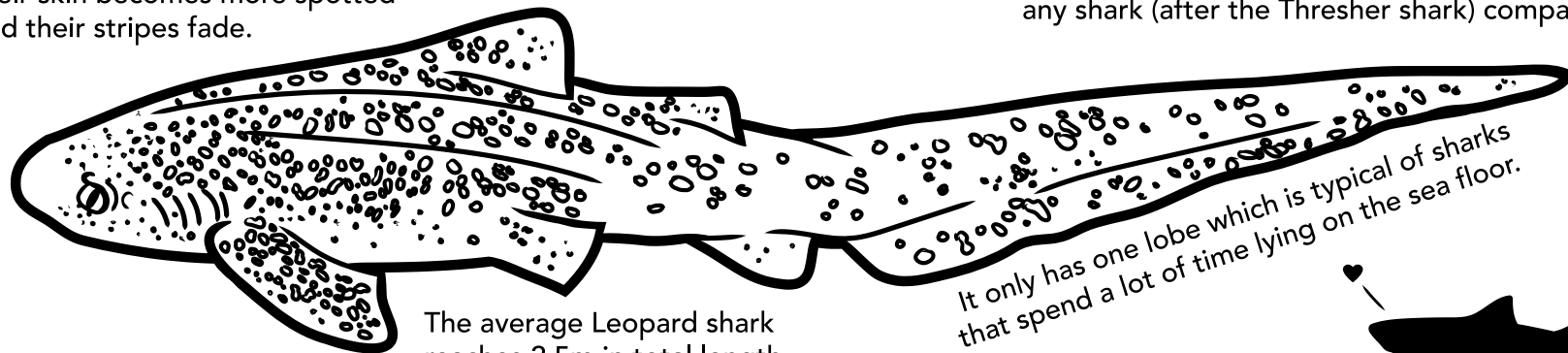


Leopard sharks have very small teeth and strong jaws. They use these to crunch through the shells of snails and crabs. They also eat small fish.

Young Zebra sharks have stripes on their bodies that look similar to a zebra's stripes.



As these sharks age into adulthood, their skin becomes more spotted and their stripes fade.



The average Leopard shark reaches 2.5m in total length.

Leopard sharks have a very long tail. It's the second longest tail of any shark (after the Thresher shark) compared with its body length.

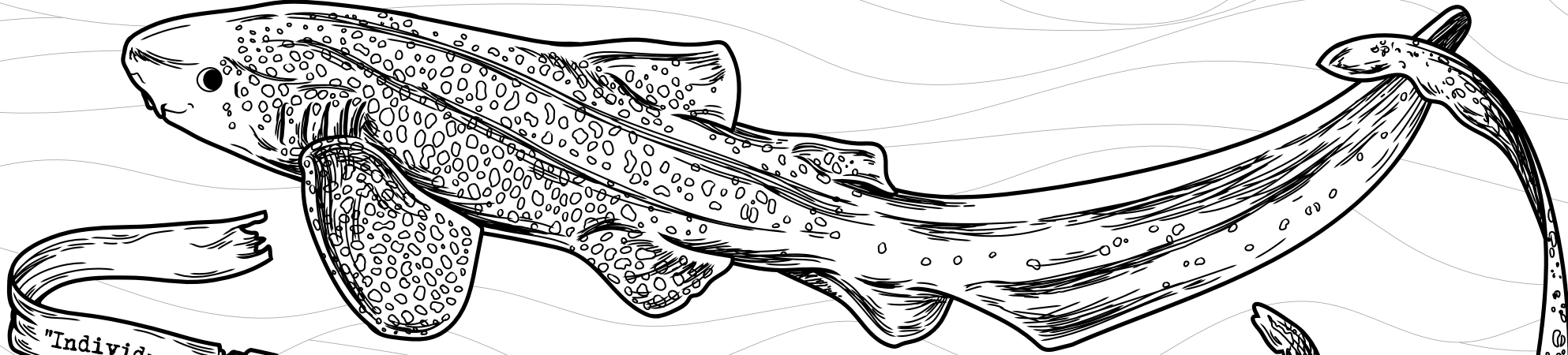
It only has one lobe which is typical of sharks that spend a lot of time lying on the sea floor.



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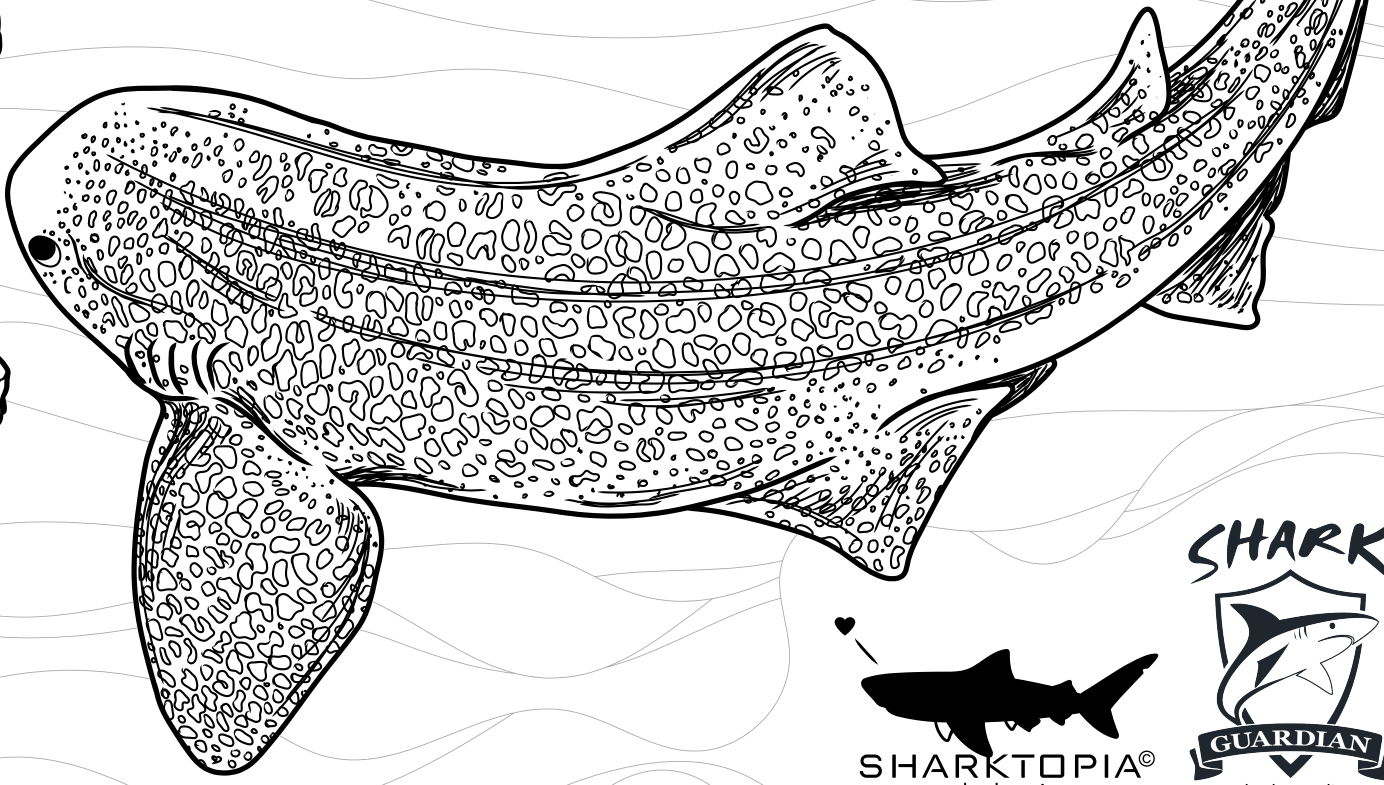
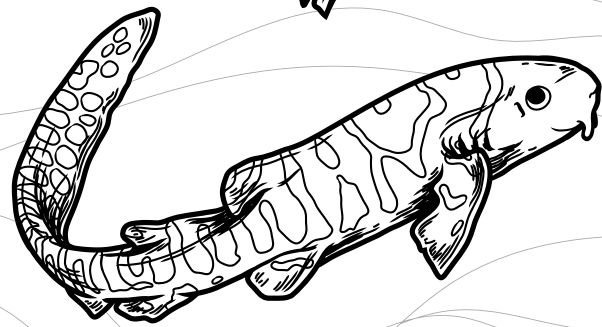
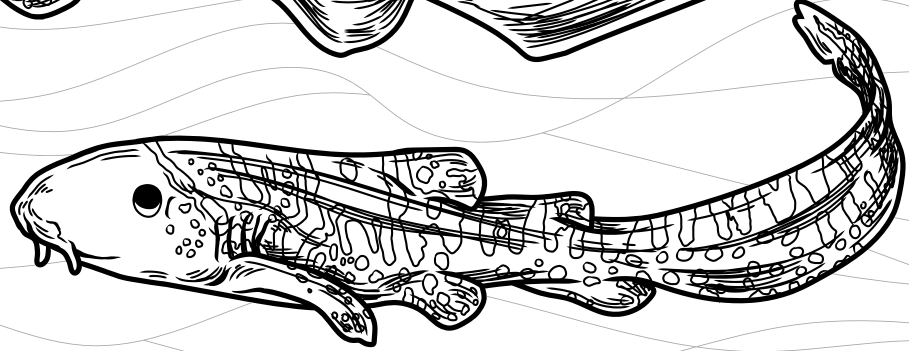
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"Individually, we are one drop.

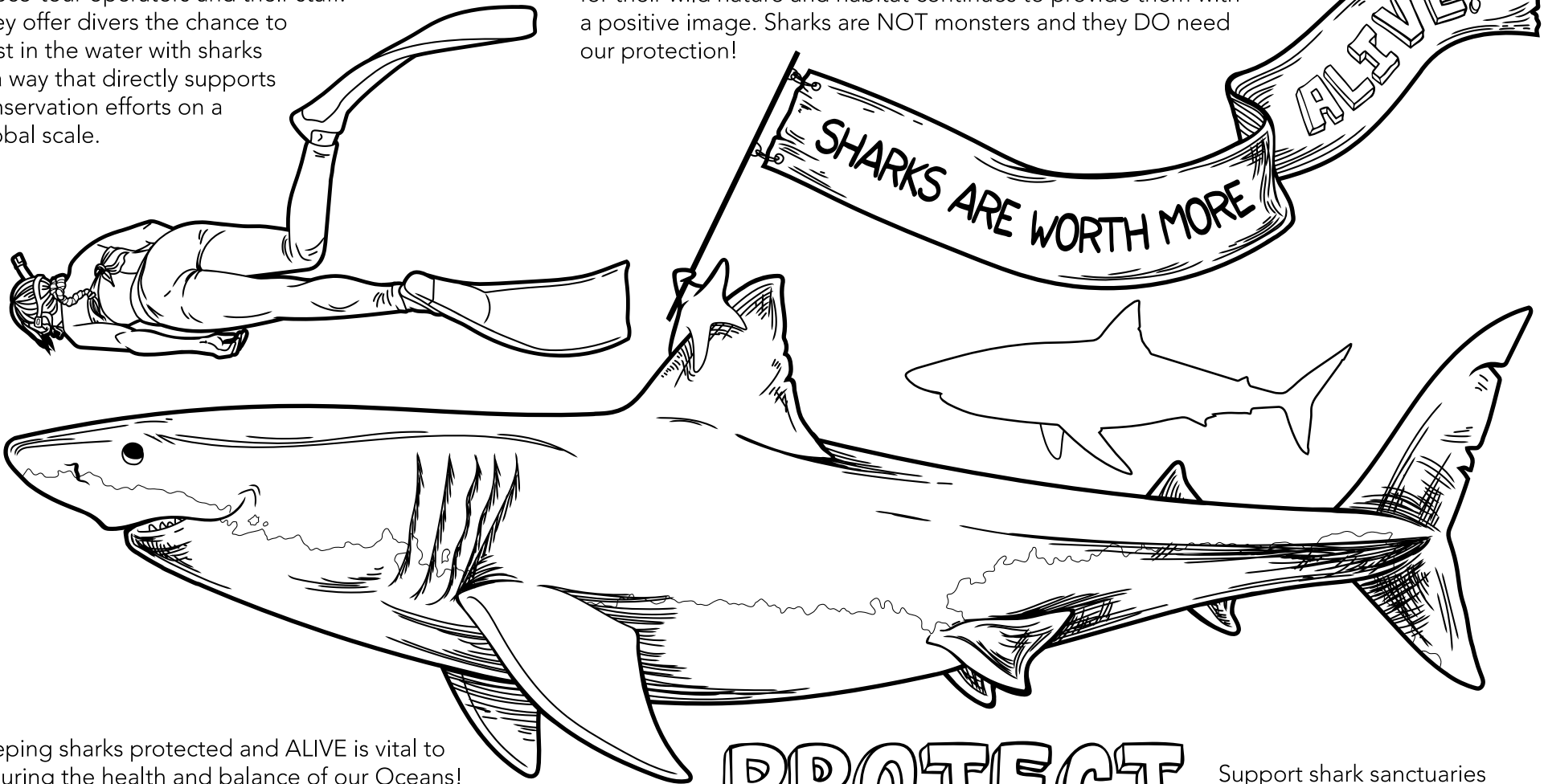
Together, we are an ocean."

- Ryunosuke Satoro



Living sharks provide ongoing income to eco-tour operators and their staff. They offer divers the chance to exist in the water with sharks in a way that directly supports conservation efforts on a Global scale.

Swimming with sharks responsibly with care and understanding for their wild nature and habitat continues to provide them with a positive image. Sharks are NOT monsters and they DO need our protection!

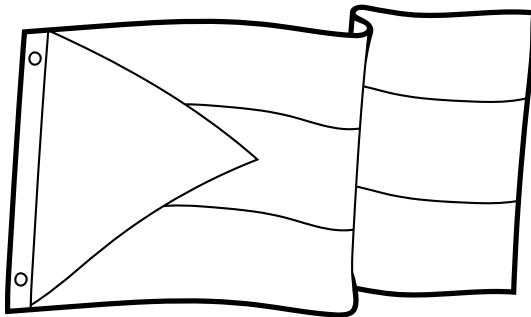


Keeping sharks protected and ALIVE is vital to ensuring the health and balance of our Oceans!

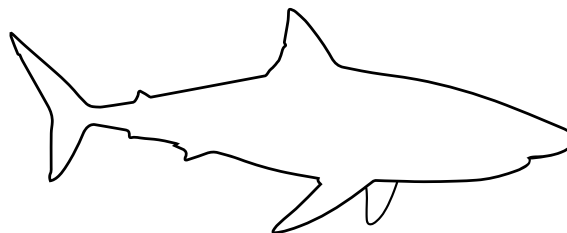
PROTECT ALL SHARKS!

Support shark sanctuaries around the world!

Due to eco-tourism, ONE shark in the Bahamas is worth...



\$250,000.00!



SHARKS ARE NOT THE ENEMY!

90% of all shark incidents are non-fatal. An average of 6 people die each year from accidental shark encounters.



More than 90 people die every year while taking a "selfie".

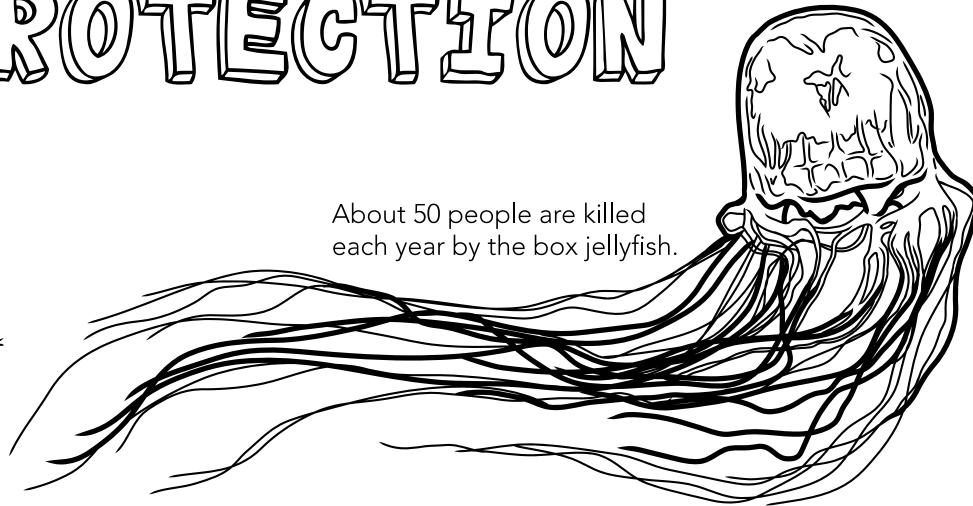


Sharks play a vital and irreplaceable role in maintaining the health of our Oceans. We rely on our Oceans for 71% of the oxygen we breathe! No sharks? No healthy Oceans.

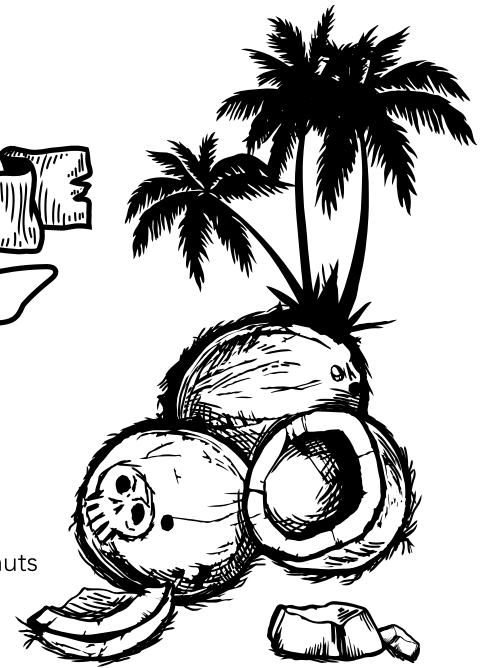
Sharks are wild, important, apex predators and they deserve our

RESPECT AND PROTECTION

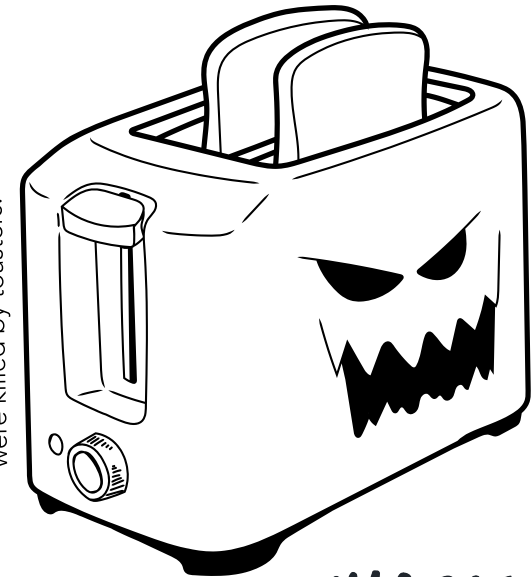
About 50 people are killed each year by the box jellyfish.

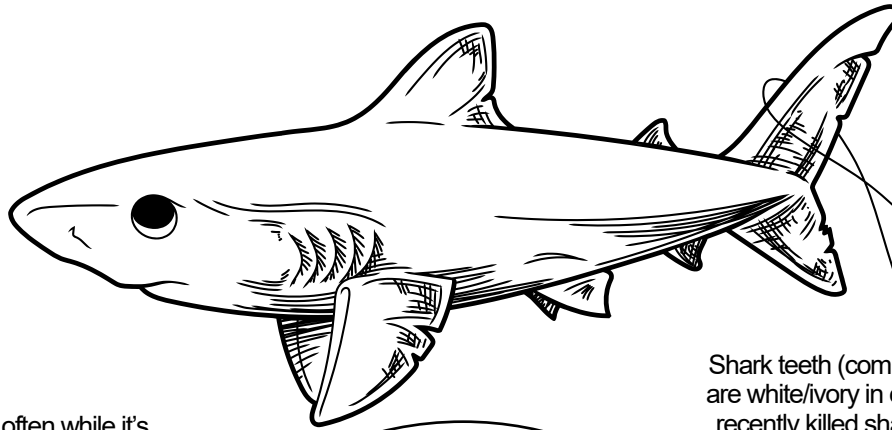


Falling coconuts injure and kill about 150 people each year.



In 2009, 675 people were killed by toasters.





It takes 10-25 years (or more) for most sharks to fully mature and reproduce.

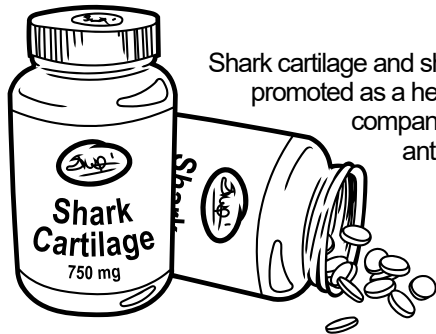


Shark finning is the act of slicing the fins off a shark, often while it's still alive, and discarding the remainder of the body at sea. The fins are the primary ingredient of 'shark fin soup' - which contains numerous toxins such as BMAA and methylmercury.

Shark teeth (common in souvenir shops) that are white/ivory in color are often sourced from recently killed sharks. Fossilized shark teeth are dark tan/brown/black in appearance.



Unfortunately, you can find a 'baby shark preserved in a glass jar' in many gift shops and through online retailers. These products are the result of commercial fishing, bycatch, shark fishing (shark finning), etc.



Shark cartilage and shark liver oil is often promoted as a health remedy. Some companies claim that it has anti-cancer properties.

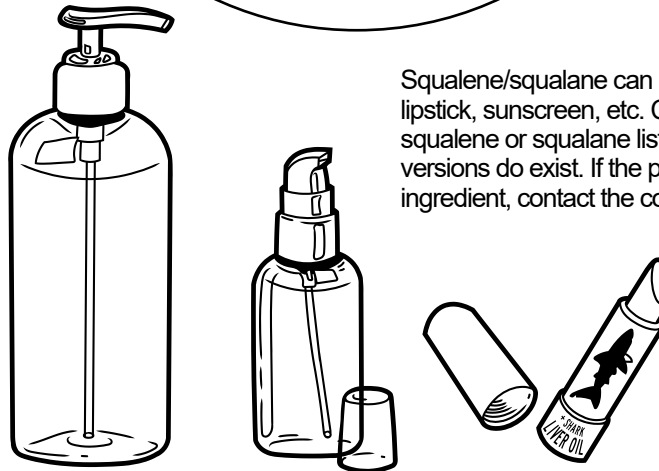


The anti-cancer claims are disputed by the American Cancer Society, FDA, Sloan-Kettering, Johns Hopkins University, and other reputable organizations. There are no reputable scientific studies proving that shark supplements have any effect on immune function.

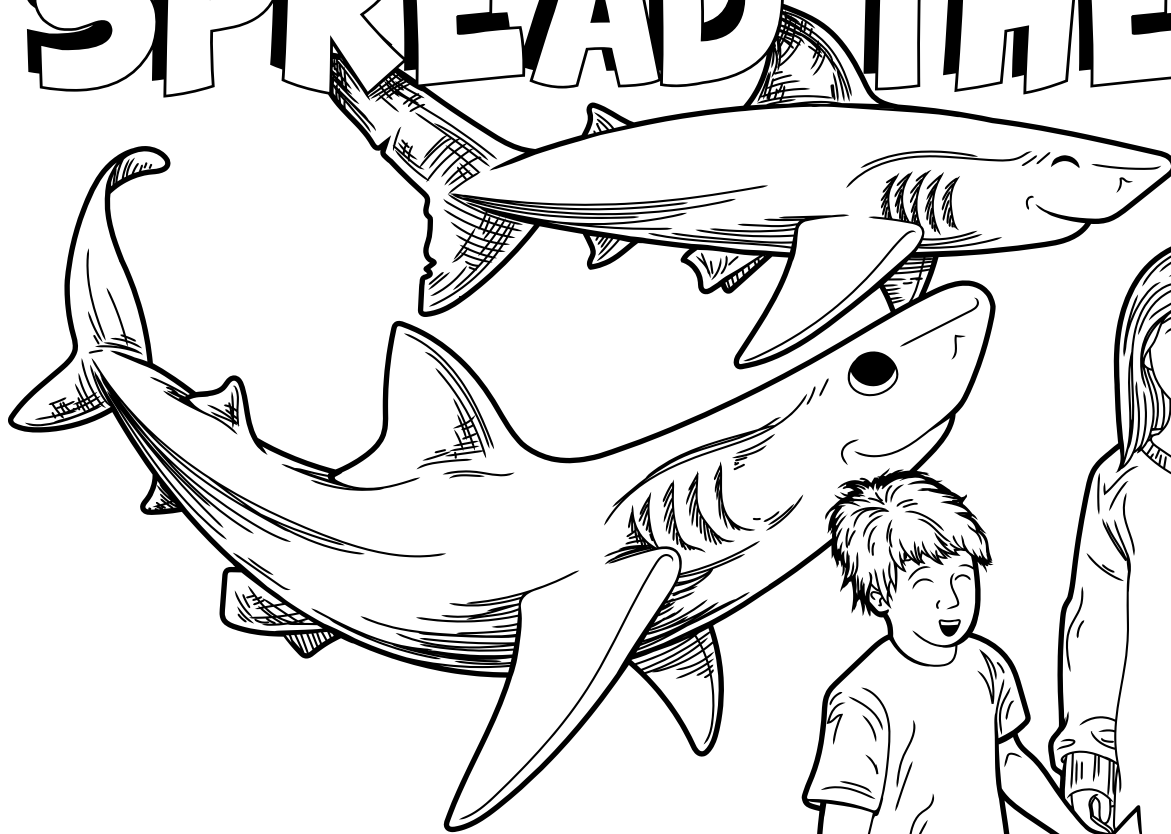
Squalene = Compound derived from shark liver oil

Squalane = Hydrocarbon derived by hydrogenation of squalene

Squalene/squalane can be found in various cosmetics, lotions, eye-makeup, lipstick, sunscreen, etc. Check the ingredients label on the package. If you see squalene or squalane listed - look for more detailed information. Plant based versions do exist. If the product does not specify the source of the ingredient, contact the company to inquire further.



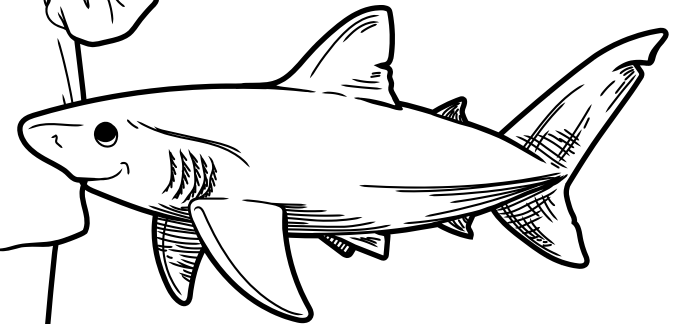
SPREAD THE WORD!



Sharks
are
VITAL!

Speak up for sharks and help spread the awareness even further! You can create a poster with all of the info you gather.

Hand out flyers and ask your friends/family to participate in fun shark conservation activities. Tell people how vital sharks are!



DID YOU KNOW?

For millions of years sharks have protected our reefs, our oceans, our planet. They are the most important species in the ocean. All life on Earth depends on the balance that sharks provide in keeping our Oceans healthy.

Flyers, coloring pages, pamphlets, and other downloadable items are also available online. Check out www.sharkguardian.org



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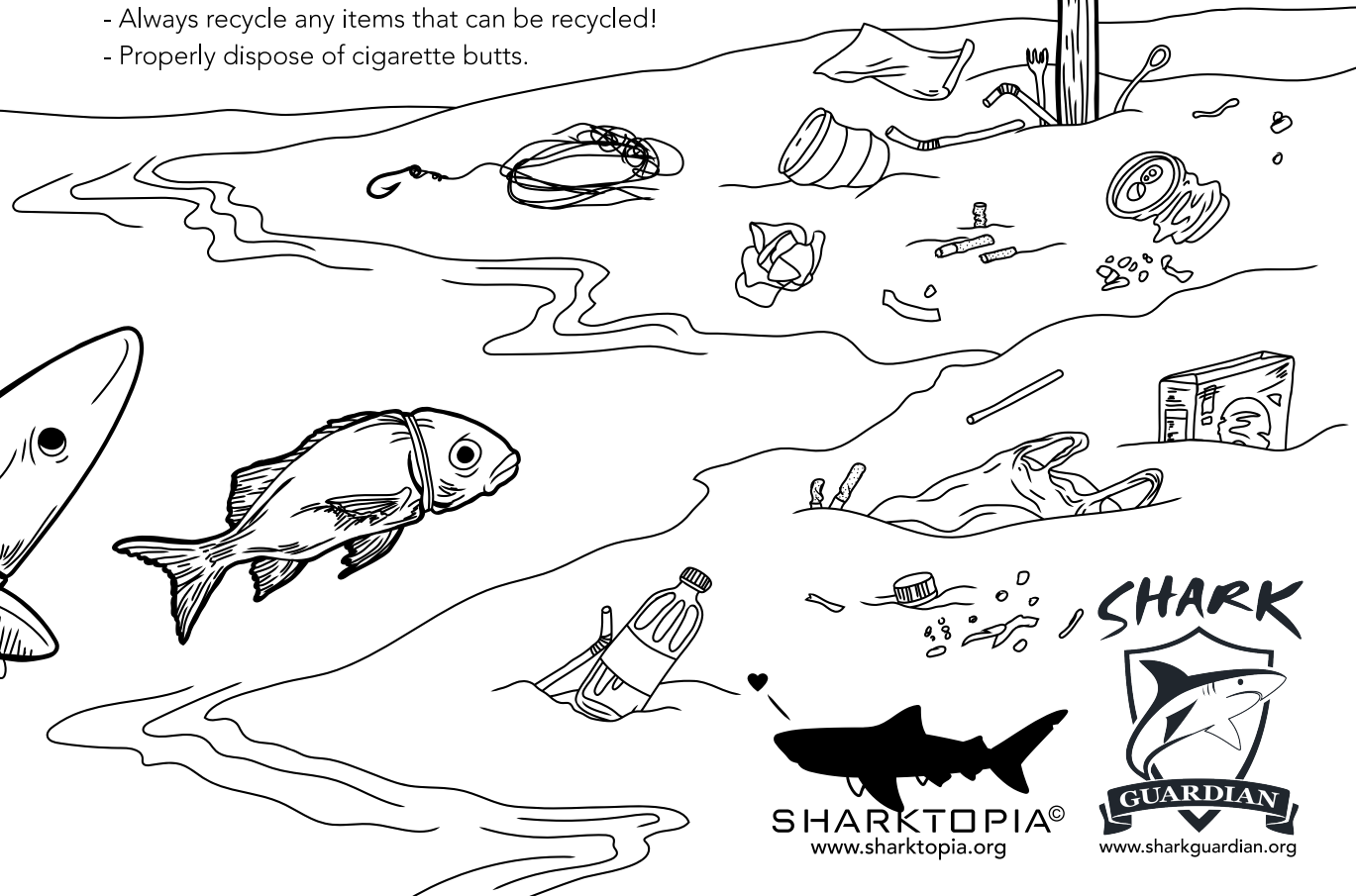
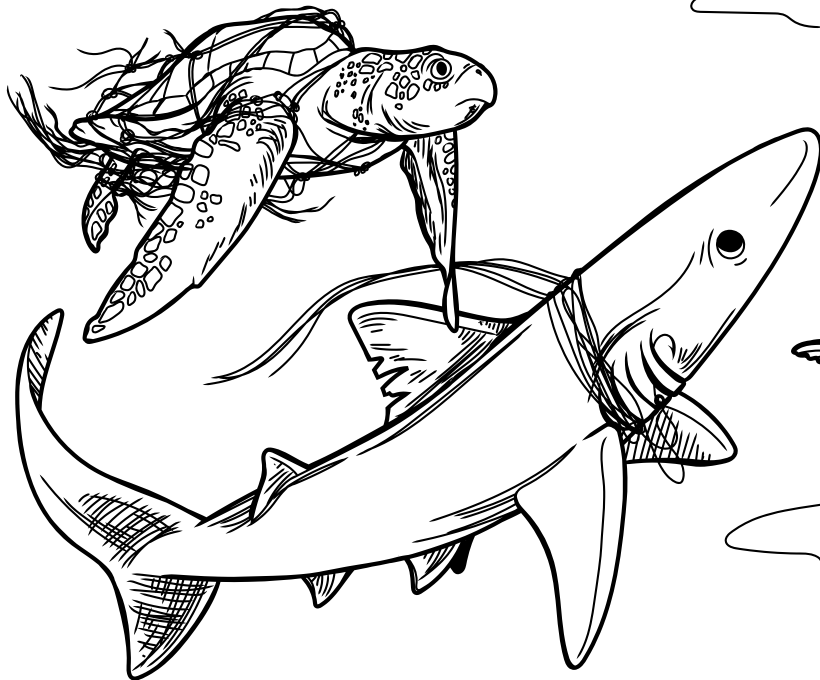
Keep our oceans clean and healthy!

Plastic and pollution is a serious threat to all marine life, including sharks. One of the many benefits of clean beaches/oceans is the preservation of nursing grounds where sharks can safely reproduce. 70% of the oxygen we breathe comes from healthy Oceans. Sharks play a unique and irreplaceable role in keeping our Oceans balanced and healthy. Keeping our world clean is critical!

Ways to reduce single-use plastic and waste:

- Avoid "one time use" bottles, cups, cans, etc.
- Get a reusable water bottle, travel mug, tote bag, etc.
- Say "No straw in my drink please!" when ordering a drink.
- Bring your own reusable straw if needed.
- Properly dispose of fishing gear (line, hooks, net, etc.)
- Always recycle any items that can be recycled!
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts.

BEACH CLEAN-UP!
YOU'RE ALL WELCOME
AND INVITED TO HELP!



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In 2009, the United Nations Environment Programme estimated that at least **640,000 tonnes** of fishing gear was lost or abandoned in the world's oceans every year, making up approximately 10% of all marine waste when measured by weight. More recent studies have suggested that ghost gear could actually make up as much **46% – 70%** of all macro plastic in our oceans when measured by weight.

Ghost nets are fishing nets that have been abandoned or lost in the Oceans by fishermen.

These marine animals need your help!

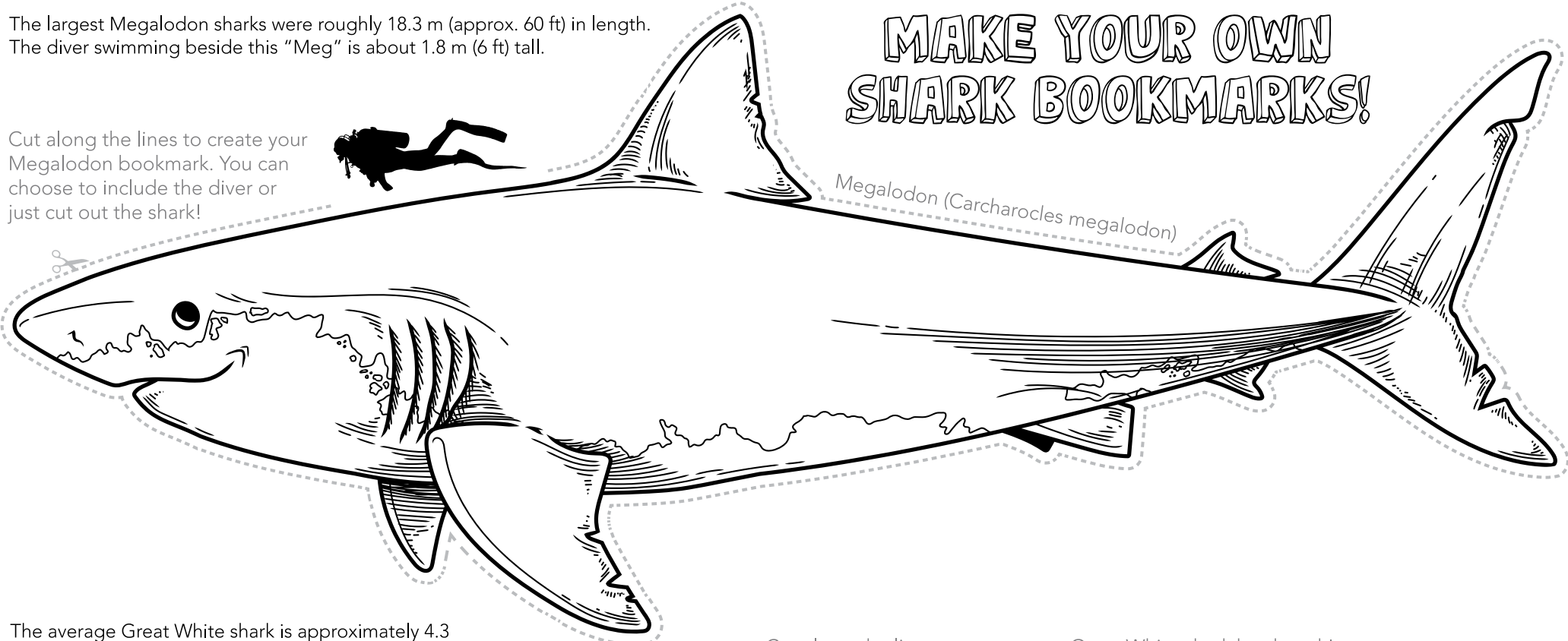
1. Cut out each animal. We need to free them from the ghost nets!
2. Use "White Out" or white paint to erase the fishing gear from each animal. Let them dry.
3. Add details that make your animals happy to be free, like a smile! Color them with crayons, markers, paint, etc.
4. Glue your animals to a new sheet of paper so they can swim in the Ocean!



The largest Megalodon sharks were roughly 18.3 m (approx. 60 ft) in length. The diver swimming beside this "Meg" is about 1.8 m (6 ft) tall.

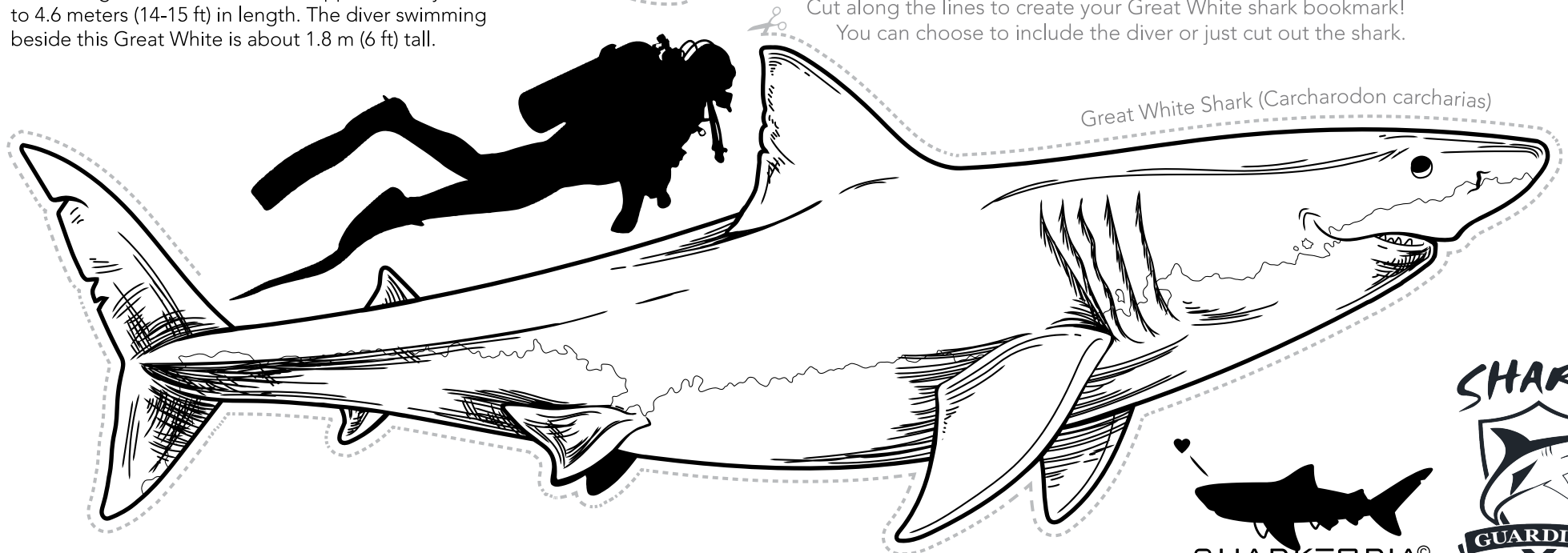
MAKE YOUR OWN SHARK BOOKMARKS!

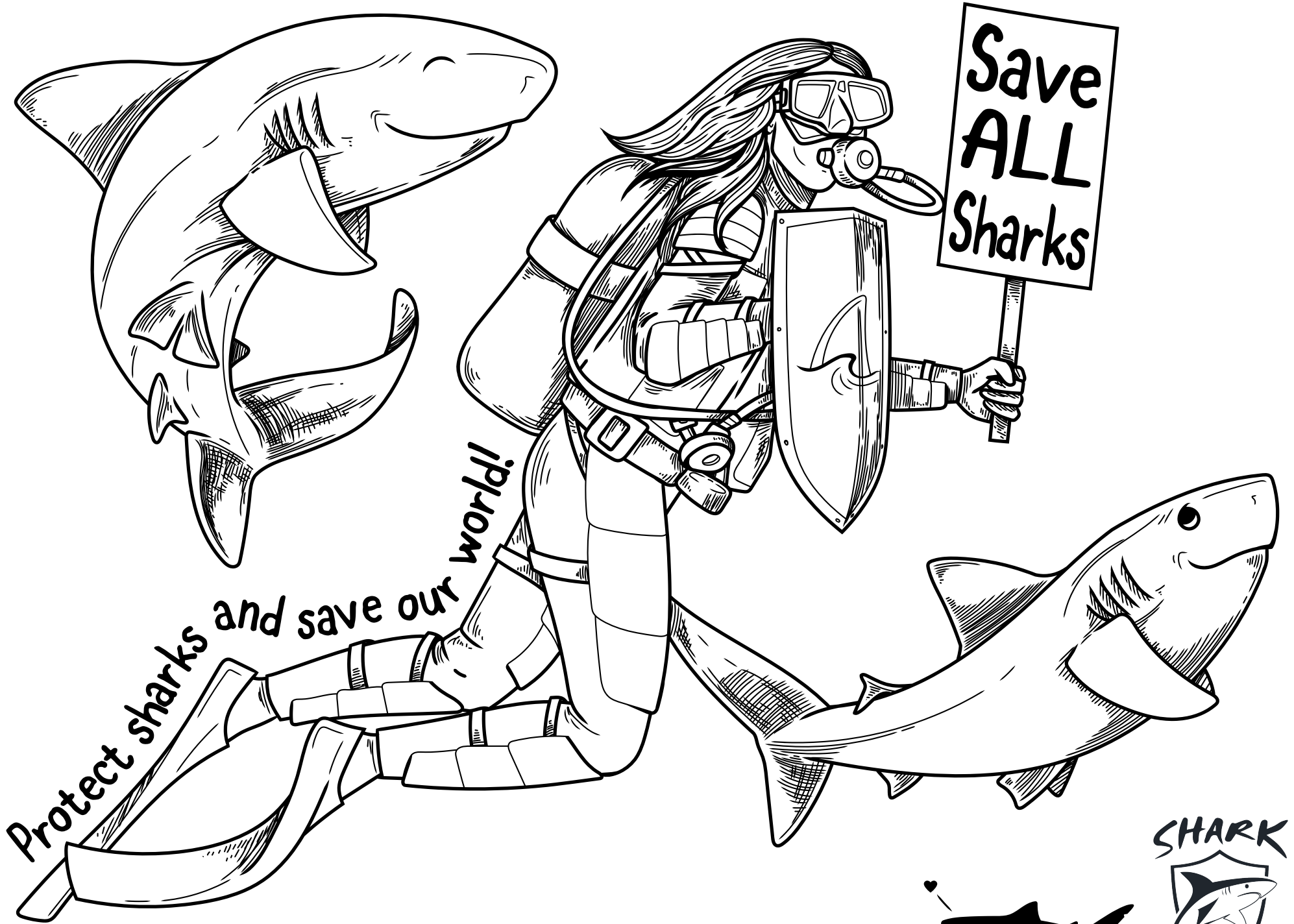
Cut along the lines to create your Megalodon bookmark. You can choose to include the diver or just cut out the shark!



The average Great White shark is approximately 4.3 to 4.6 meters (14-15 ft) in length. The diver swimming beside this Great White is about 1.8 m (6 ft) tall.

Cut along the lines to create your Great White shark bookmark! You can choose to include the diver or just cut out the shark.





Follow Shark Guardian (& Sharktopia) through social media and online, participate in shark conservation activities, join beach/reef clean-ups (or host one of your own), sign petitions, and support campaigns aimed at helping protect sharks!





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