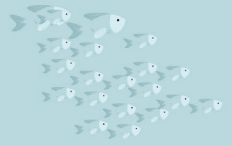


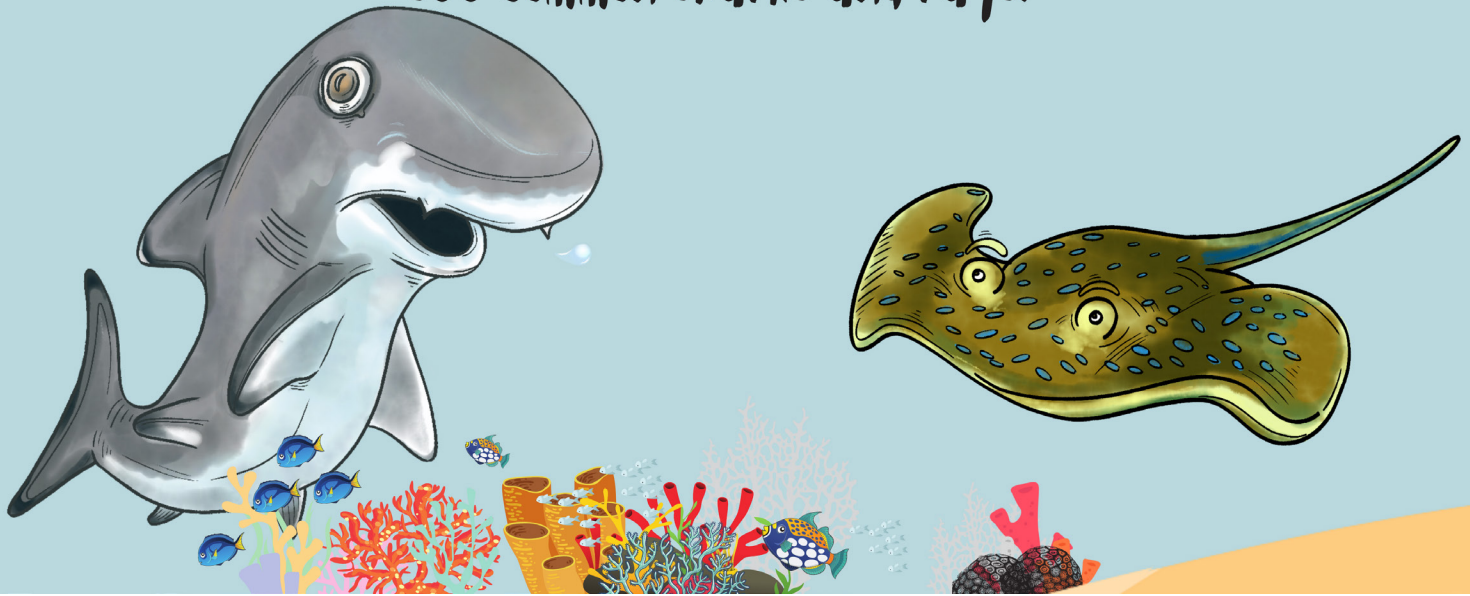
Papa & Ray



All about sharks & rays

The oceans and our western Indian ocean are home to many creatures, including sharks and rays.

Read on, and we will take you on a journey to the ocean to see common sharks and rays.



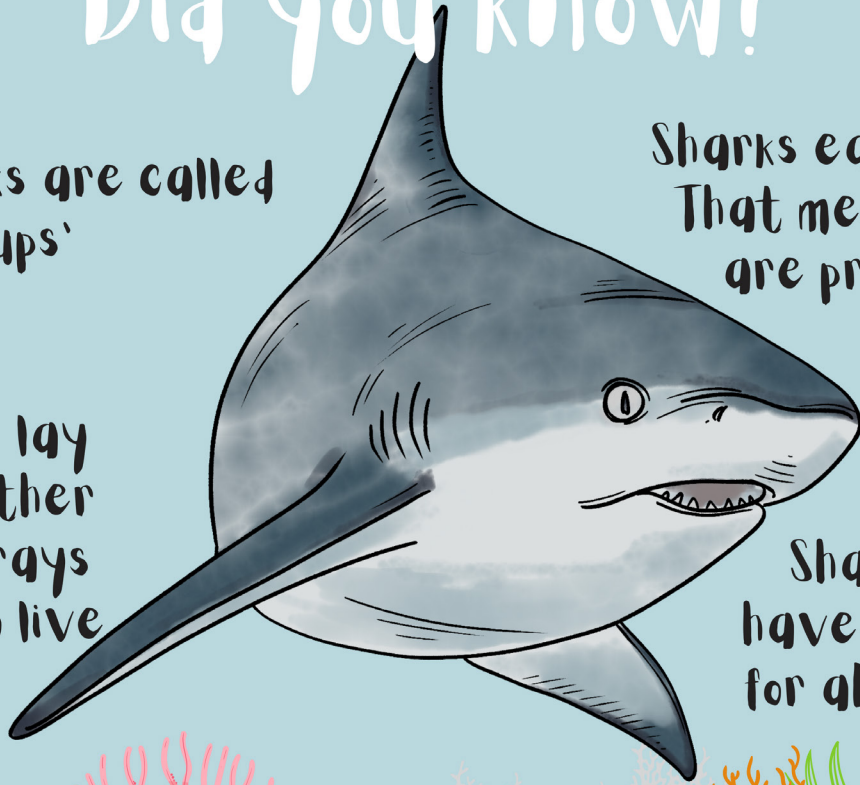
Did you know?

Baby sharks are called
'pups'

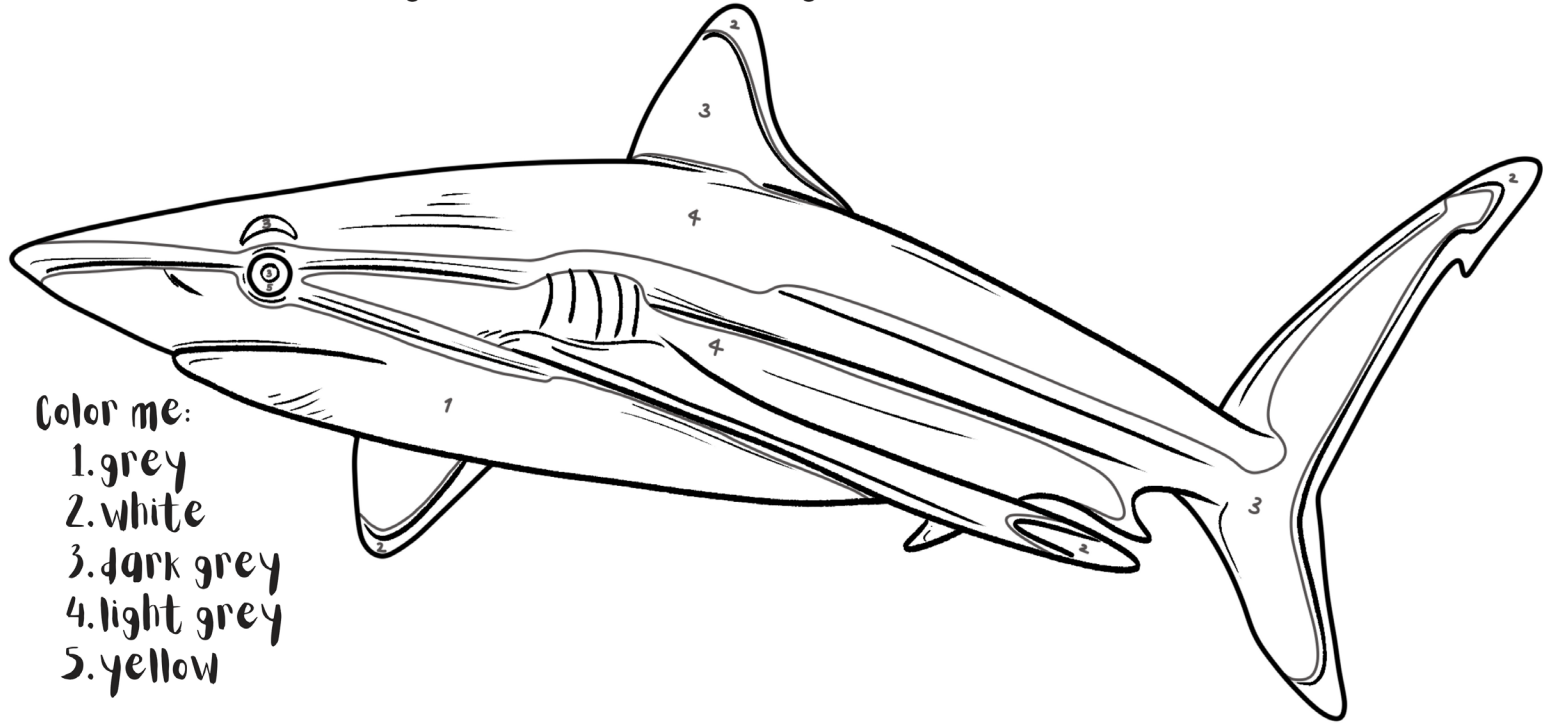
Some sharks lay
eggs while other
sharks and rays
give birth to live
young

Sharks eat other fish.
That means, sharks
are predators!

Sharks and rays
have been on earth
for about 400 million
years!



My name is Silvy and I am a Silvertip reef shark. I can grow to 300cm long if I eat well!

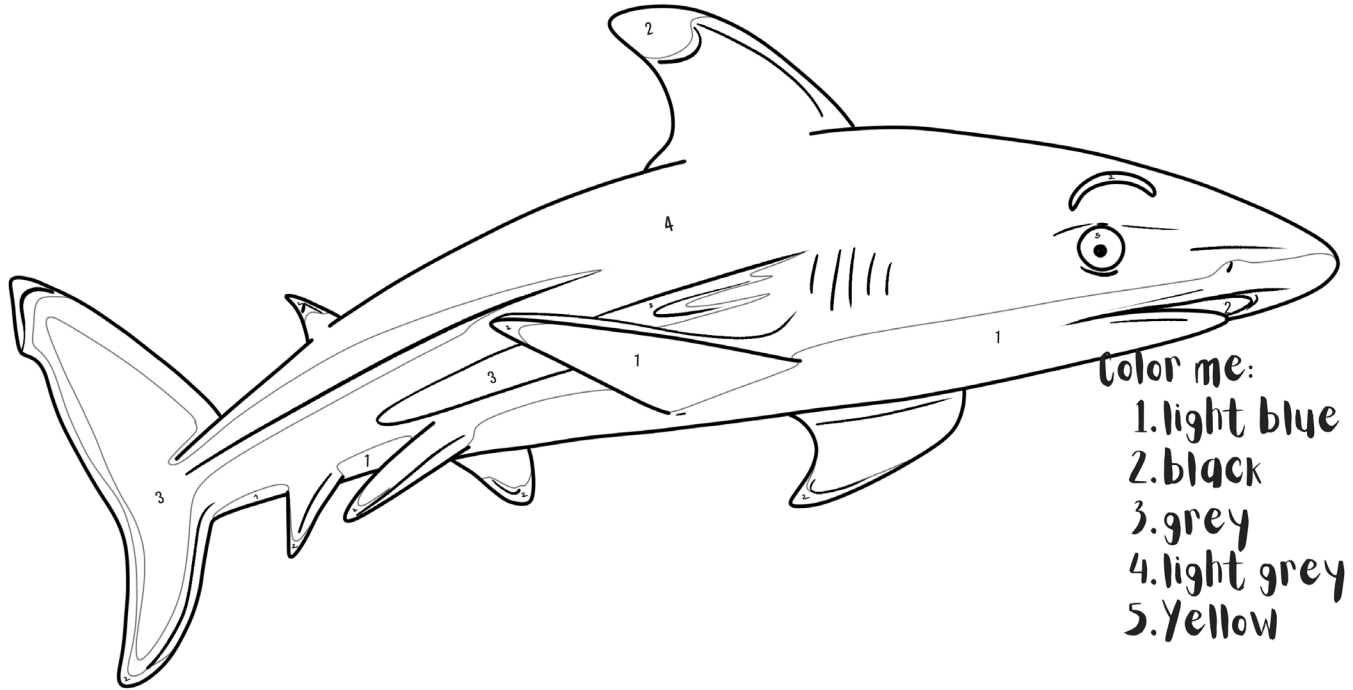


Color me:

- 1. grey
- 2. white
- 3. dark grey
- 4. light grey
- 5. yellow

I live on the reef and eat small fish, octopus and shellfish!

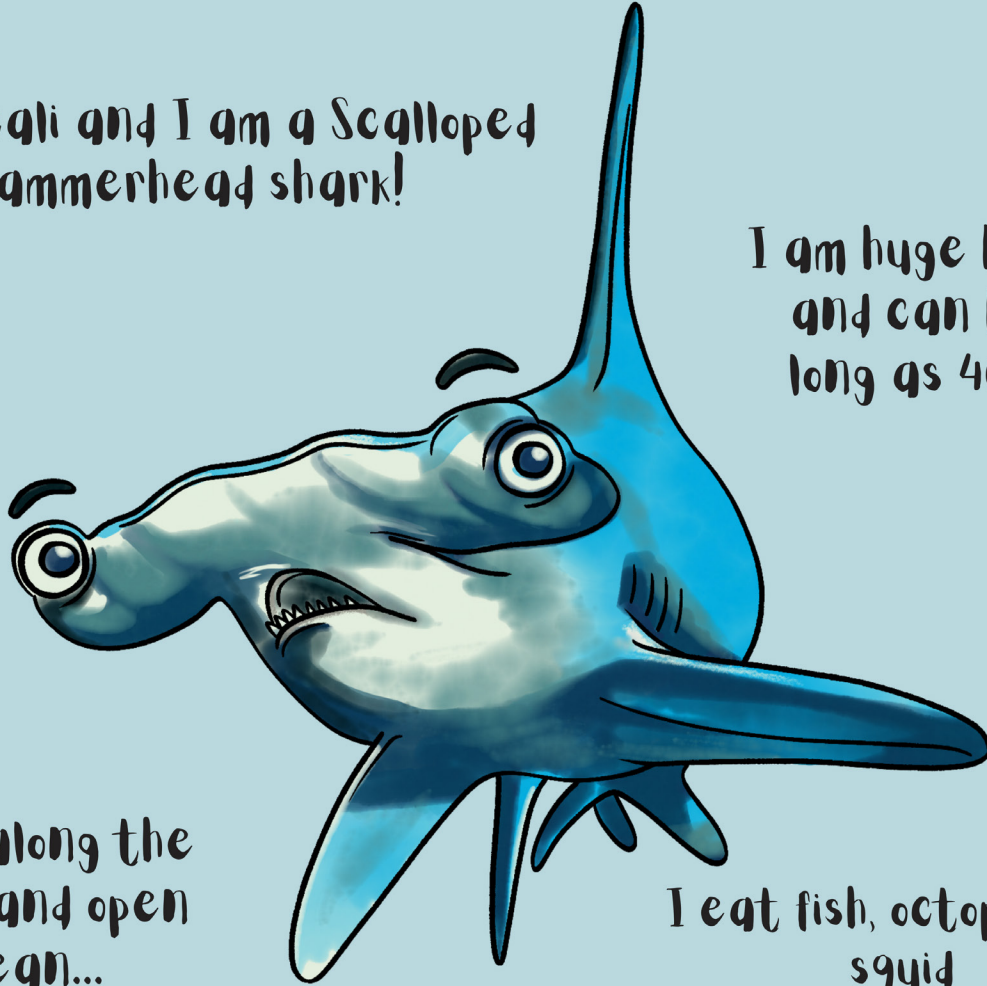
I'm Blacky and I am a Blacktip reef shark. I live in the reefs and eat small fish, octopus and shellfish.



Color me:
1. light blue
2. black
3. grey
4. light grey
5. yellow

I am Scali and I am a Scalloped
hammerhead shark!

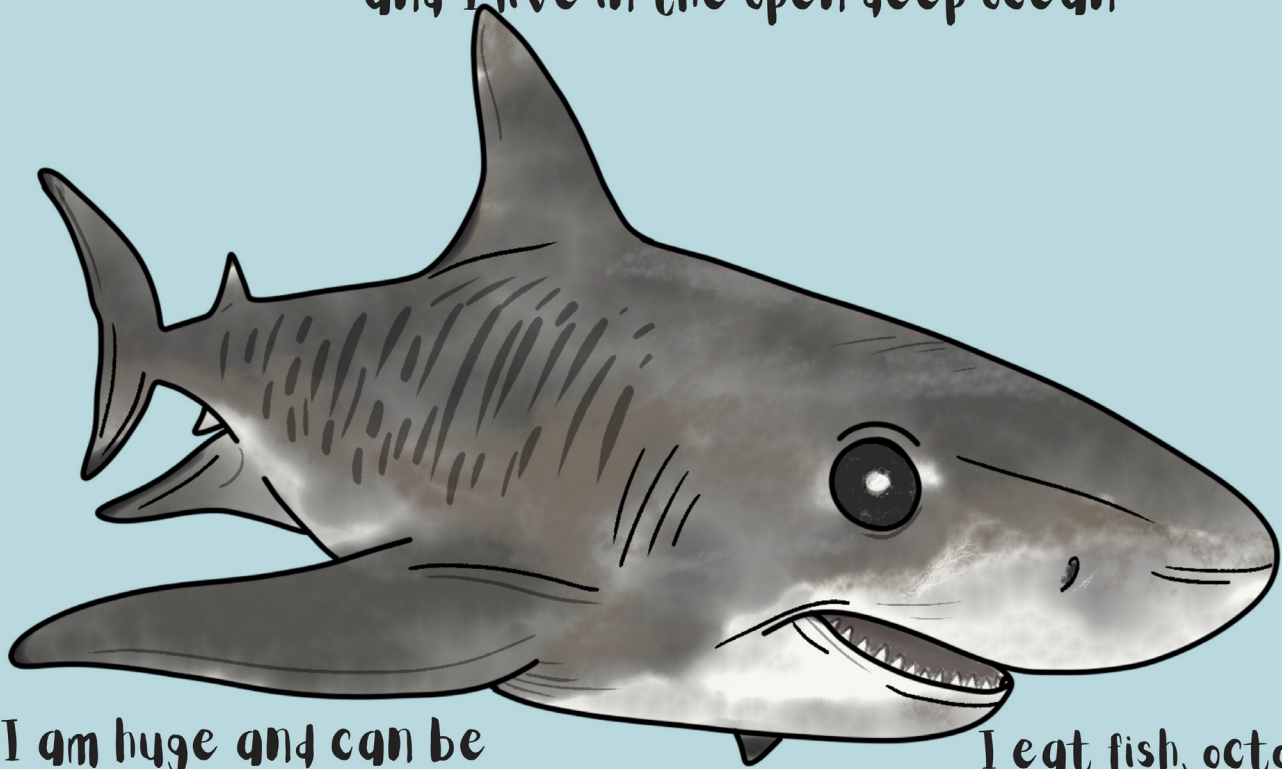
I am huge but shy
and can be as
long as 400cm!



I live along the
coast and open
ocean...

I eat fish, octopus and
squid

Hey... It is me Tigi. I am a Tiger shark
and I live in the open deep ocean



I am huge and can be
6 meters long

I eat fish, octopus,
marine mammals,
turtles and birds

I am Grey and I am a Grey reef shark

Did you know that
I am the most
popular shark?

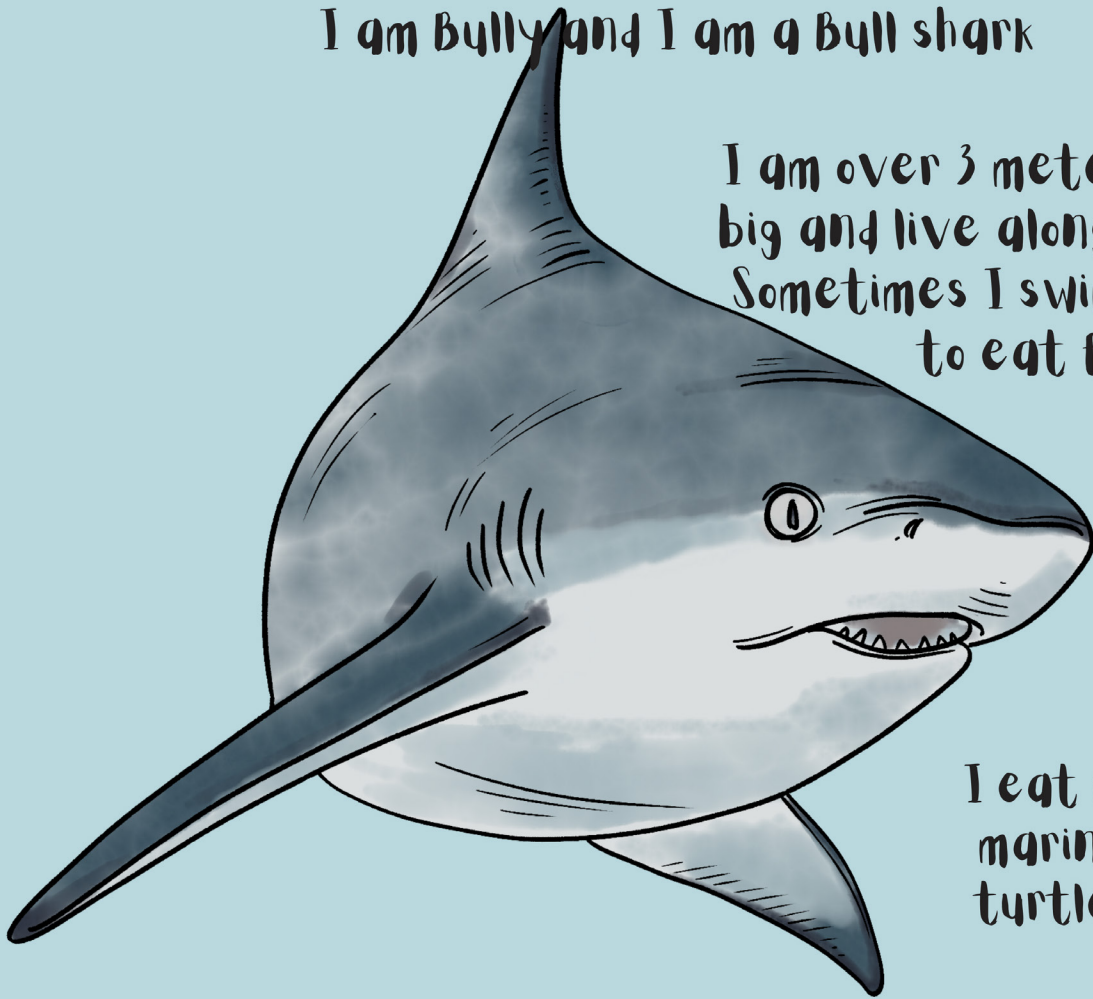
Join the dots, colour all my
fins dark grey and my body
grey to see how I look



I am over 2 meters long and I live
on coral reefs and along the coast

I am Bully and I am a Bull shark

I am over 3 meters long and
big and live along the coast.
Sometimes I swim up rivers
to eat fish



I eat fish, octopus,
marine mammals,
turtles and birds

The local legend of the whale shark

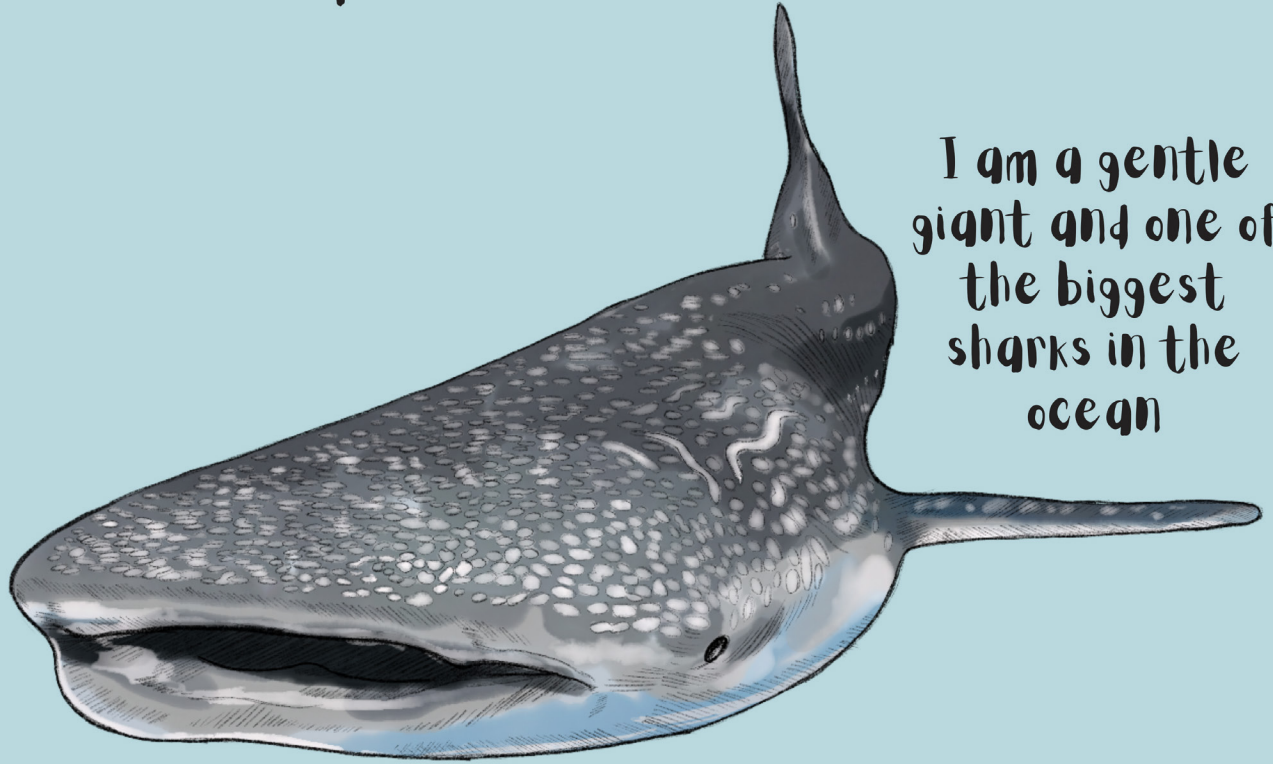
An old man once said God was so happy when he created the whale shark.
He gave his angels handfuls of gold and silver coins to throw from heaven.

These coins landed on the back of the whale shark.

That is why the whale shark has magical markings that look like coins that shimmer in the sun when they swim near the top of the ocean.



I am Papa, and I am a whale shark

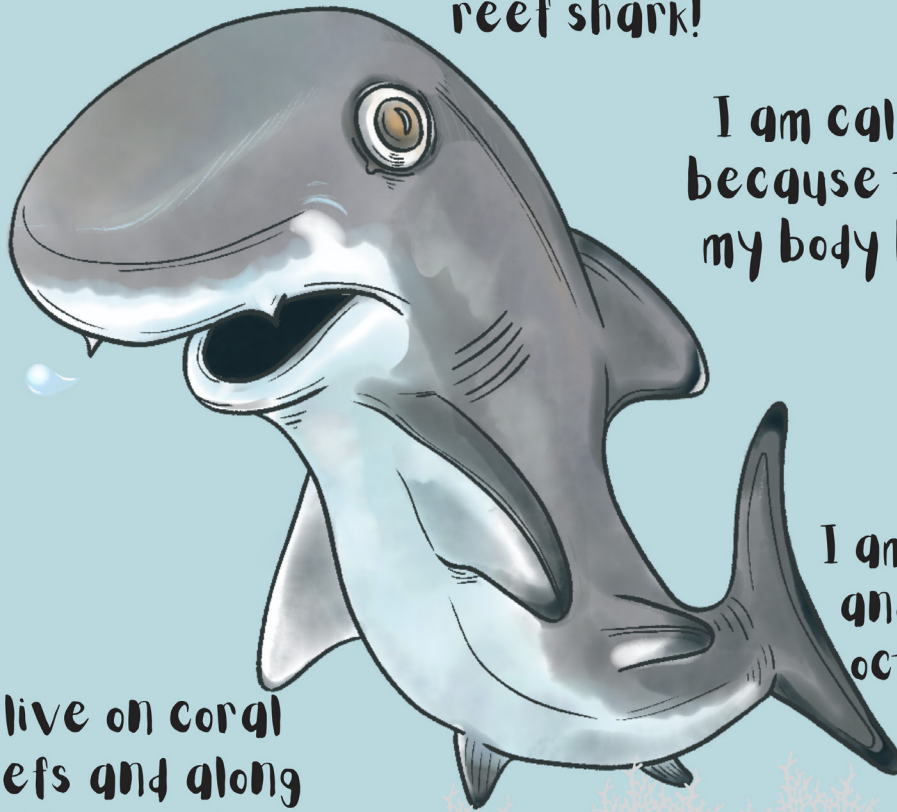


I am a gentle
giant and one of
the biggest
sharks in the
ocean

Did you know I can
grow to 12 meters
long?

I eat plankton and
very small sea animals

I am witi and I am a white tip
reef shark!



I am called a white tip
because the fin on top of
my body has a white tip

I am a curious shark
and eat small fish,
octopus and squid

I live on coral
reefs and along
the coast



Hey, I am Leo and I am a Leopard shark.
I am also known as a zebra shark

I am over 2 meters long and
I live on coral reefs and
sandy bottoms



I eat fish, molluscs
and shellfish

I am Gitty, and I am a Giant guitarfish.
I am a huge fish and can be as long as 300cm!



I live along the coast and shallow areas. I like eating fish, shellfish
and octopus



I'm blue, and I'm a Bluespotted
ribbontail stingray!

I am a small fish and I like to
hide myself in the sand
sometimes



My tail has a
venomous barb
so don't swim
near me!

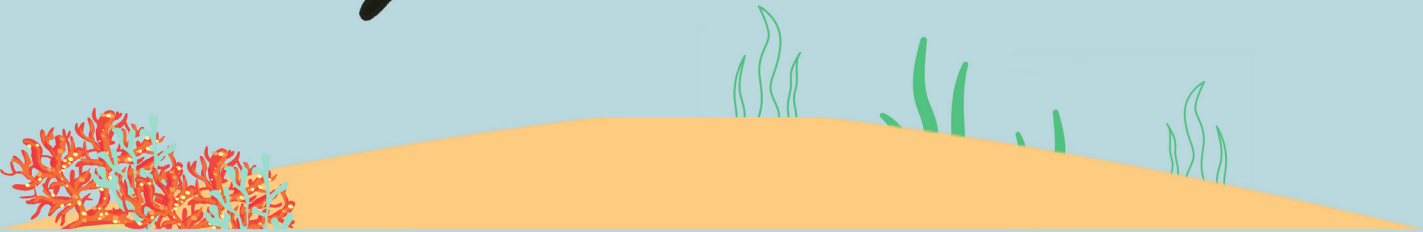
I eat shrimps, crabs
and molluscs

I'm Su and I'm a Spotted Eagle ray!

Did you know I can grow to be
3 meters wide?!

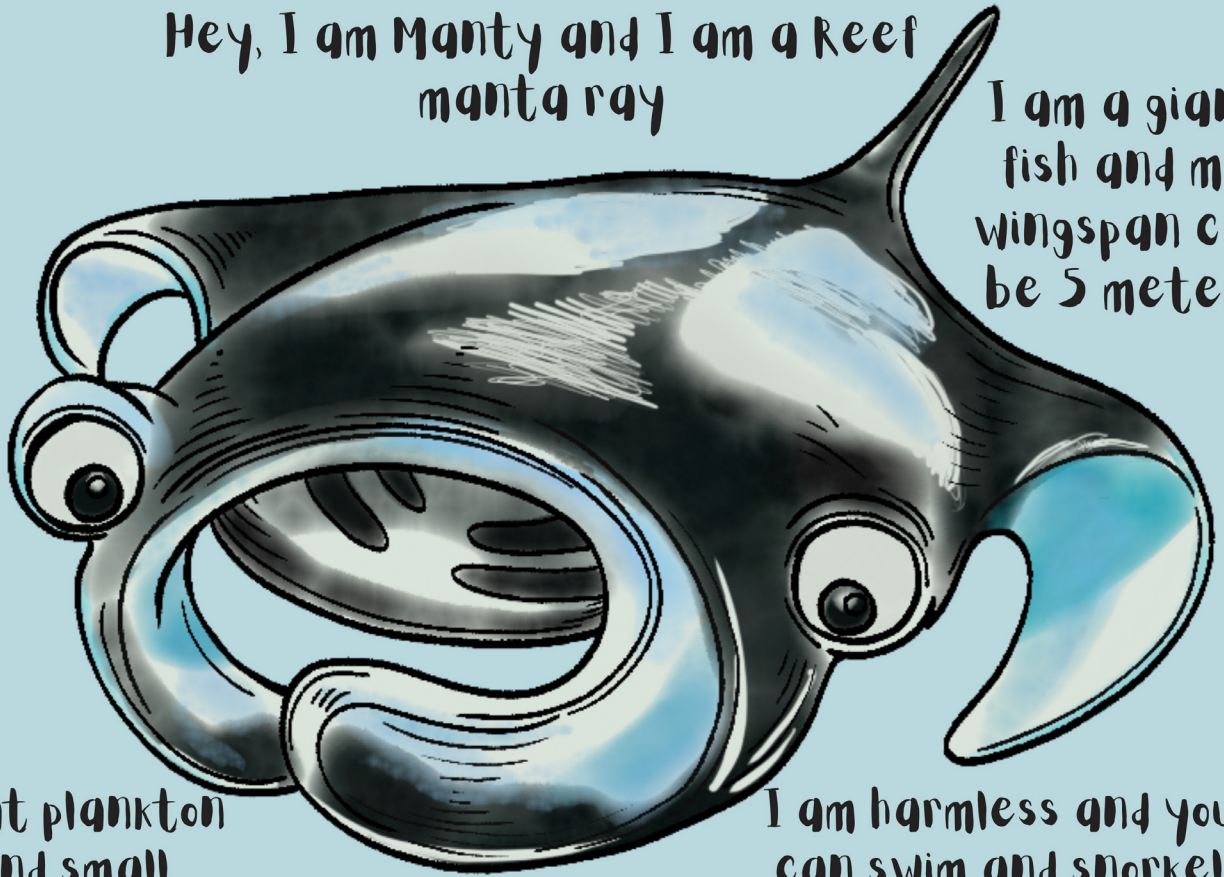
I eat clams,
octopus,
shellfish and
small fishes

I don't get angry easy
but I can sting you with
my tail if you make me
sad



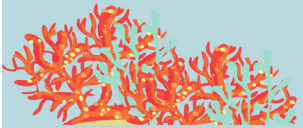
Hey, I am Manty and I am a Reef
manta ray

I am a giant
fish and my
wingspan can
be 5 meters



I eat plankton
and small
fishes

I am harmless and you
can swim and snorkel
near me



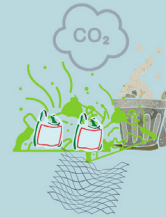
Sharks and rays take long to reproduce, which puts them at a high risk of disappearing from the planet. When sharks and rays disappear from the earth, they become 'extinct'.

Did you know? Sharks and rays are threatened by,

Destructive
fishing (eating
shark fin)



Pollution



Threats

Destroyed
habitats



Sharks and rays help keep the ocean clean and healthy by eating the sick and weak fish.

Now that you know sharks and rays are very important, you should be a sharks and rays champion and spread the message for other people to know.

Protect our sharks and rays!

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