

SHARKS



Sharks are a special category of fish that live mostly in warm waters. Some sharks live in rivers and lakes. Some sharks live near the surface some live in deep waters and some live in the ocean floor.

Unlike fish that have bones, sharks have skeletons made of cartilage. Cartilage is a tough, flexible material that is not as hard as bone. Humans have cartilage on their body, too.



There are more than 500 species of sharks in the world. The largest is the Whale Shark, which can measure up to 50 feet or 15 meters long. Most sharks have a defined shape, but some have flattened bodies that help them hide in the sand. Other sharks have long noses or long fins. Some sharks, like the Hammerhead Shark have extremely wide heads.



Most sharks are carnivore. They have very sharp teeth. The greatest predator shark in the world is the Great White Shark.

Sharks are very important in the ocean because keep a balance in the ocean, keeping fish population from growing too large.