

Sharks



Why are sharks important?

Sharks are important because they play an important role in our ecosystem. They do this by maintaining the species below them in the food chain. They help the weak and the sick as well as keeping the balance with competitors to ensure species diversity.

By taking sharks out of the coral reef ecosystem, the larger predatory fish will increase and feed on herbivores. With less herbivores, macroalgae expands and coral can no longer compete, affecting the survival of the reef system.



Facts about sharks

Sharks do not have bones; their skeleton is made of cartilage.

Most sharks have good eyesight.

Shark skin feels similar to sandpaper.

When sharks are upside down they will go into a trance.

Sharks have been on the planet for a very long time.

Scientists age sharks by the rings on their vertebrae.

Different species of shark have different looking teeth.

What people can do to help our ocean's wildlife

REDUCE

Cut down on the amount of plastic you are using.



REUSE

Get a refillable water bottle or bag.



RECYCLE

Use your old plastic items and change them to have a

