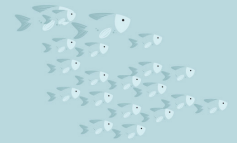


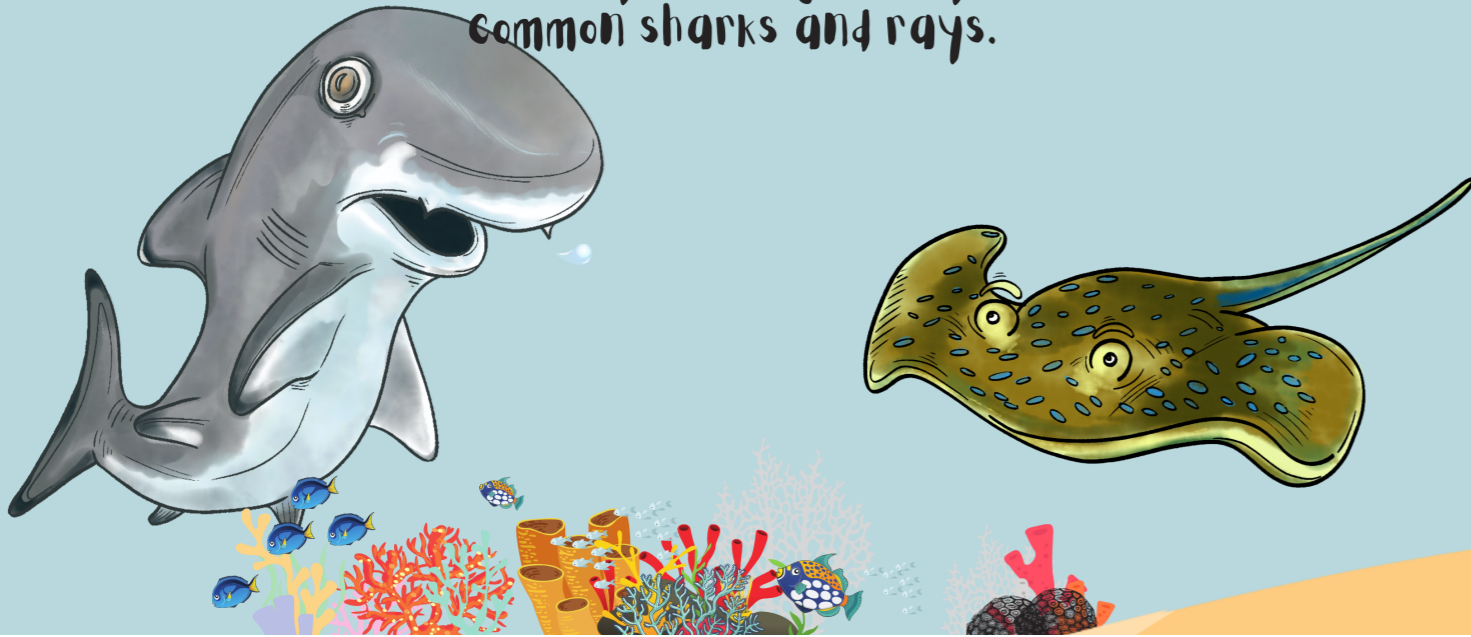
# Papa & Ray



# All about sharks & rays

The oceans and our own western Indian ocean are home to many creatures among them sharks and rays.

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



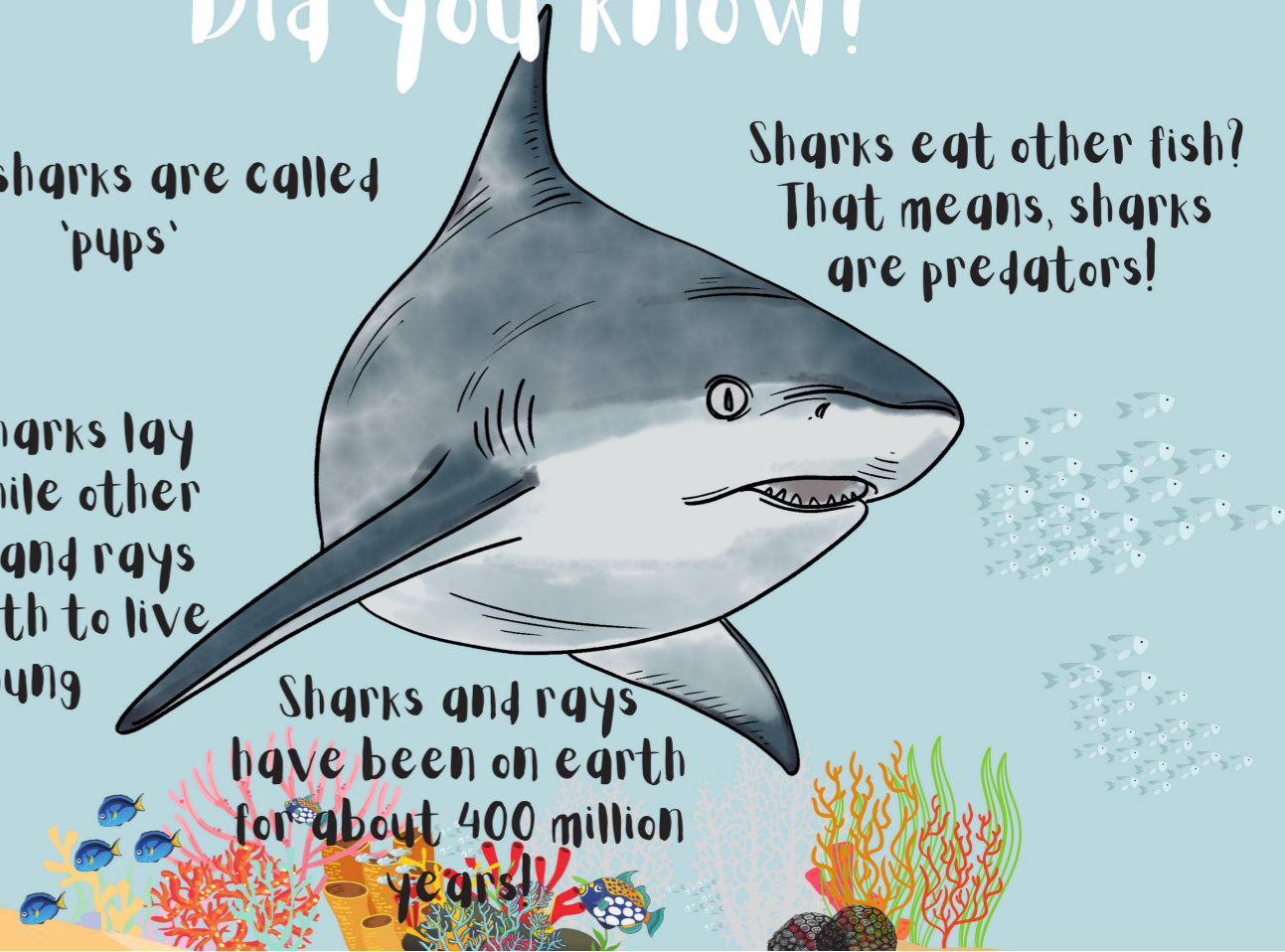
# Did you know?

Baby sharks are called 'pups'

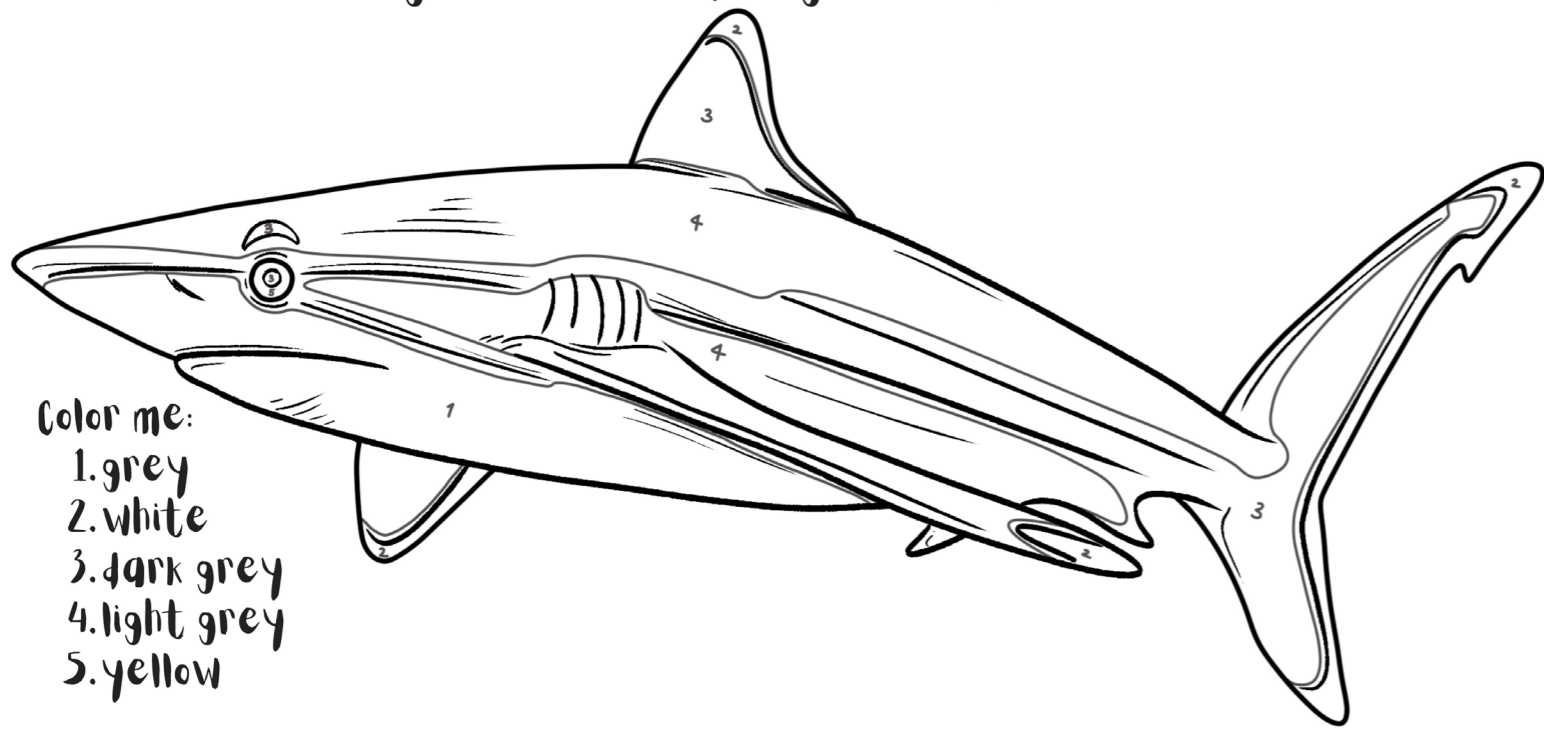
Sharks eat other fish? That means, sharks are predators!

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

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!

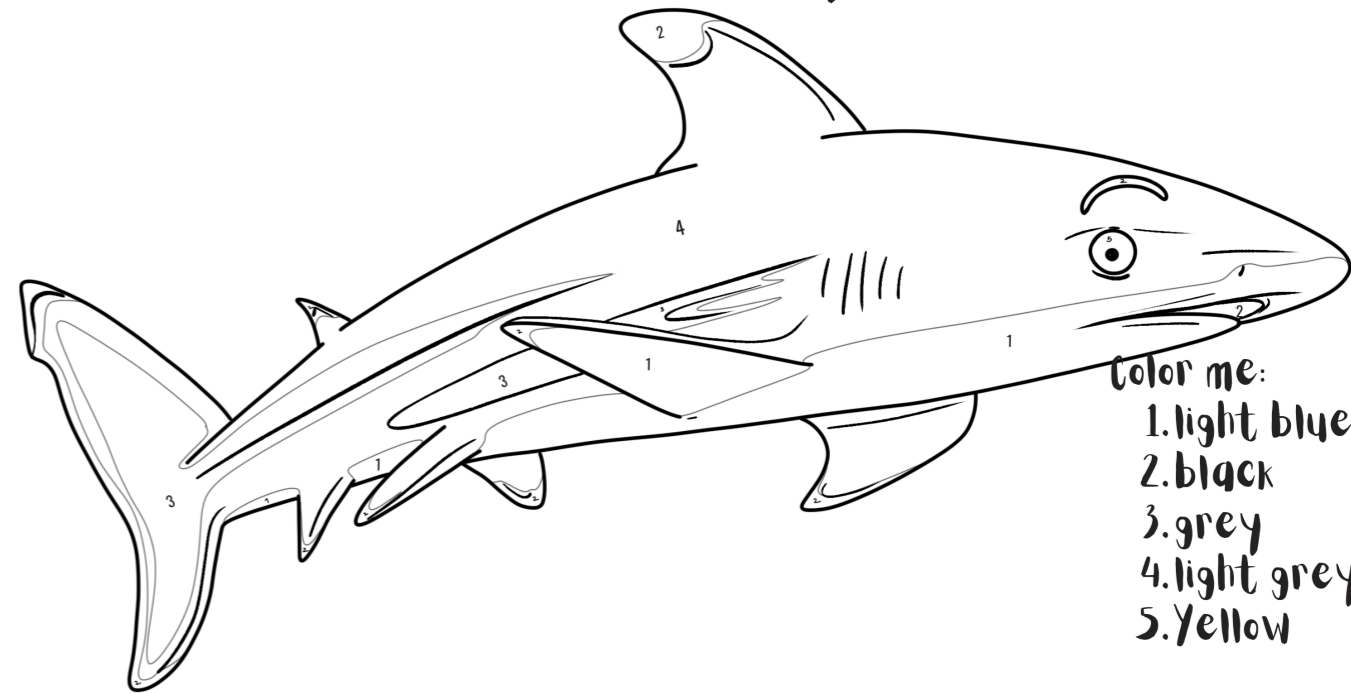


Color me:

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

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

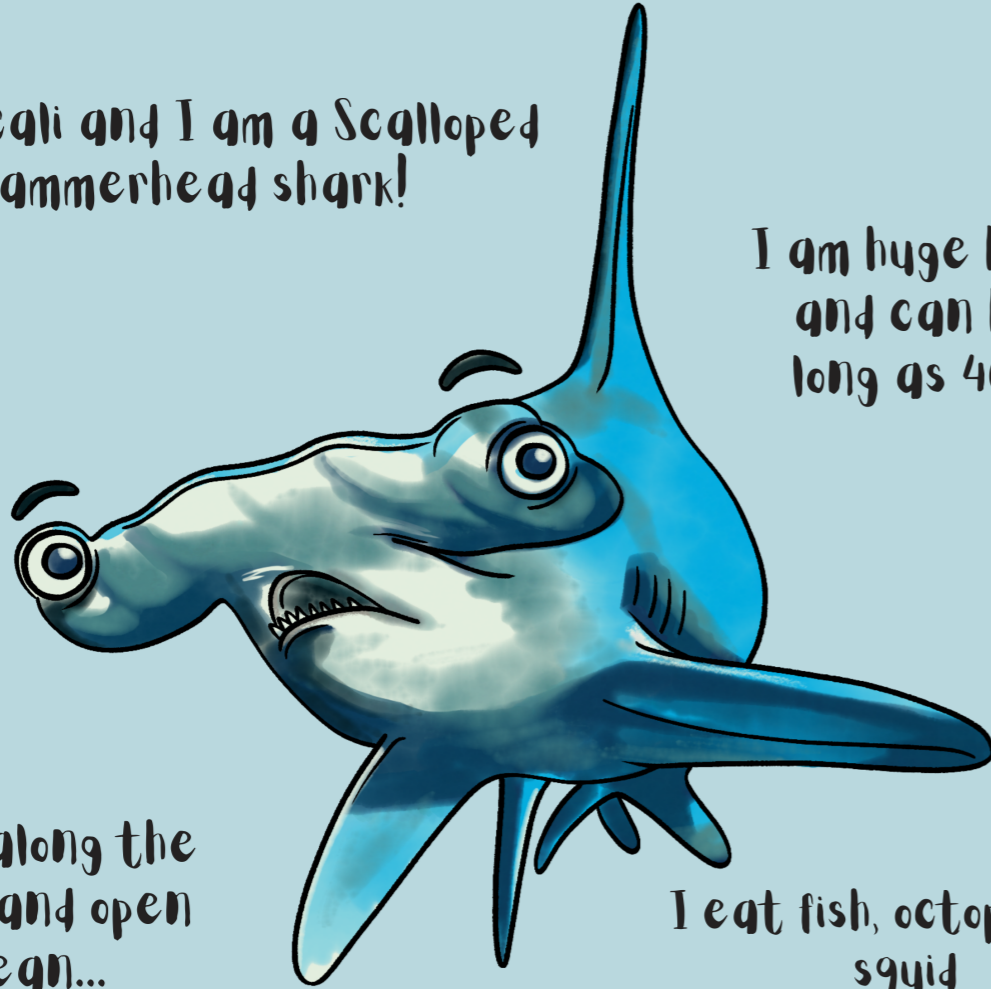
I'm Blacky and I am a Blacktip reef shark. I live in the reefs and eat small fish, octopus and shellfish.



Color me:

1. light blue
2. black
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5. yellow

I am Scali and I am a Scalloped hammerhead shark!

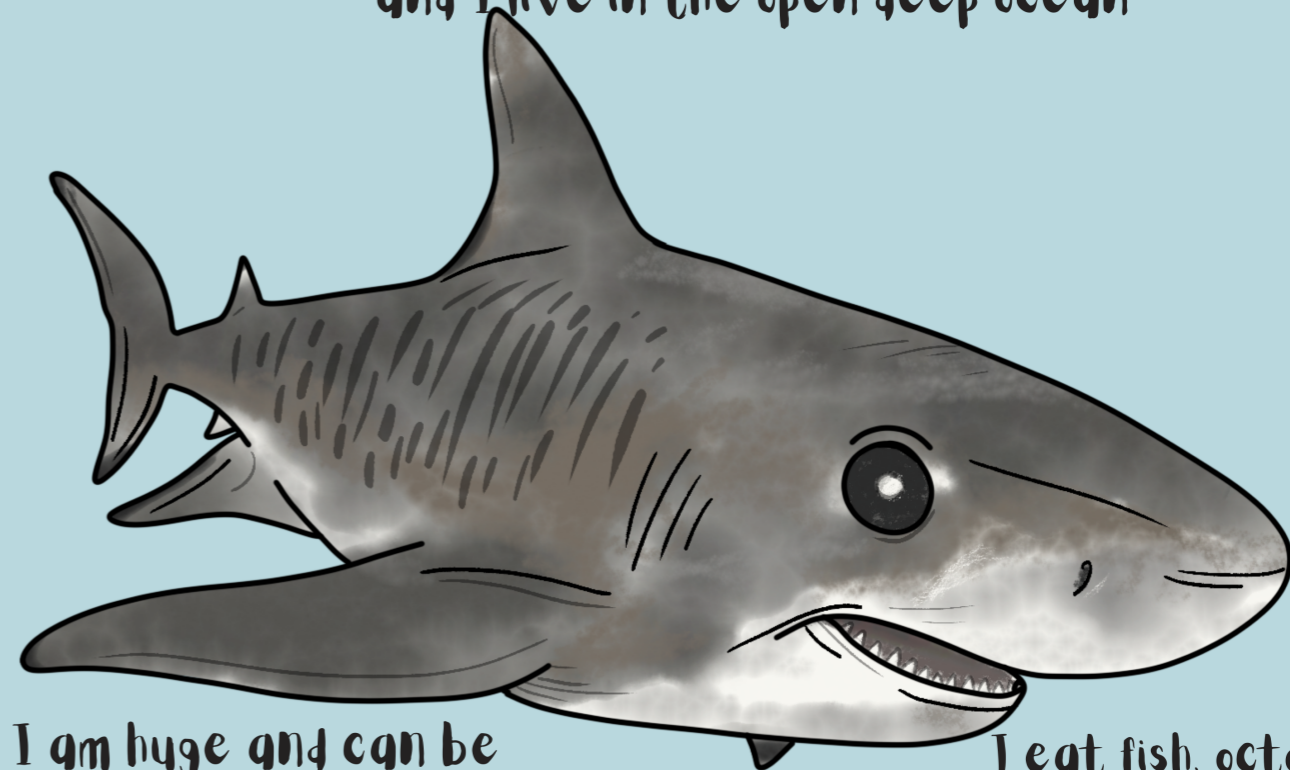


I am huge but shy and can be as long as 400cm!

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?

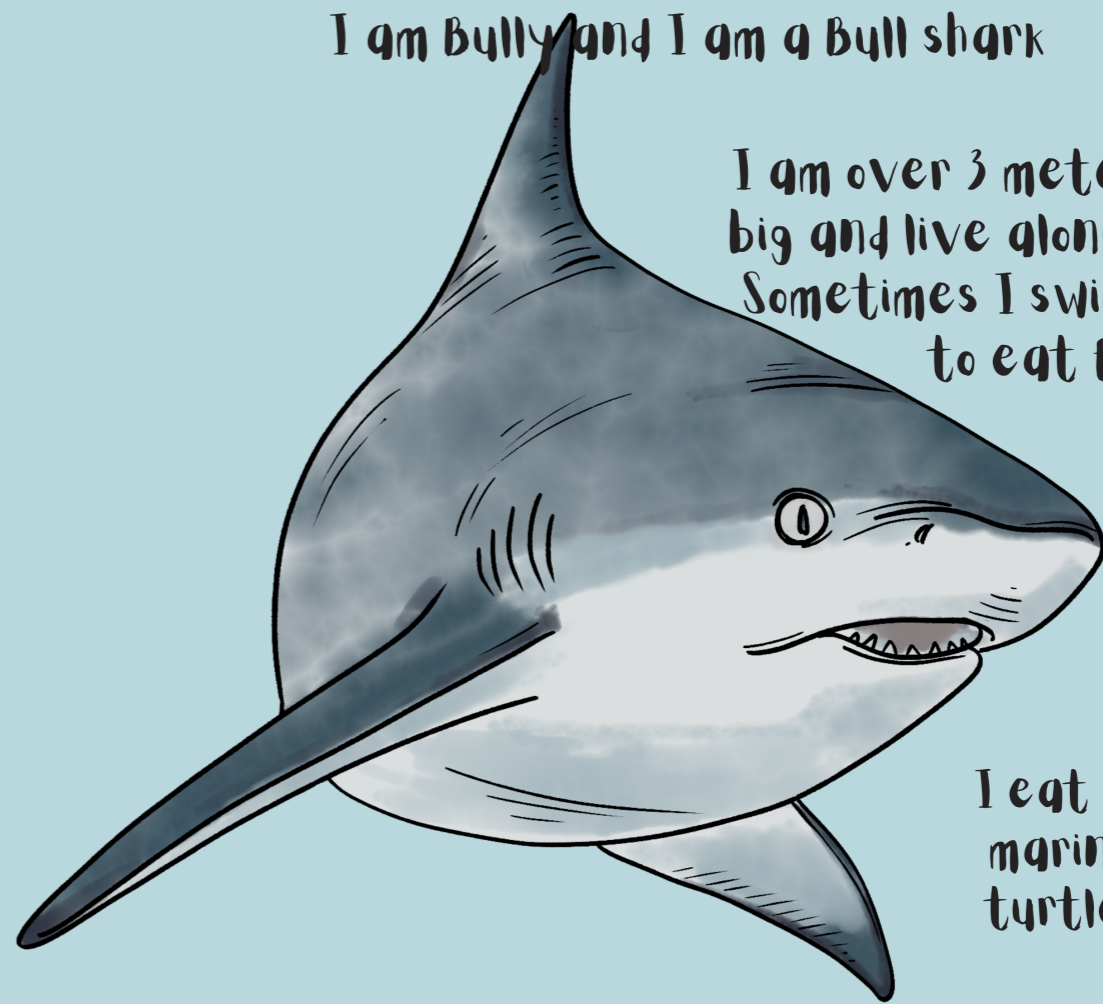
Join the dots, colour all my  
fins dark grey and my body  
grey to see how I look



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

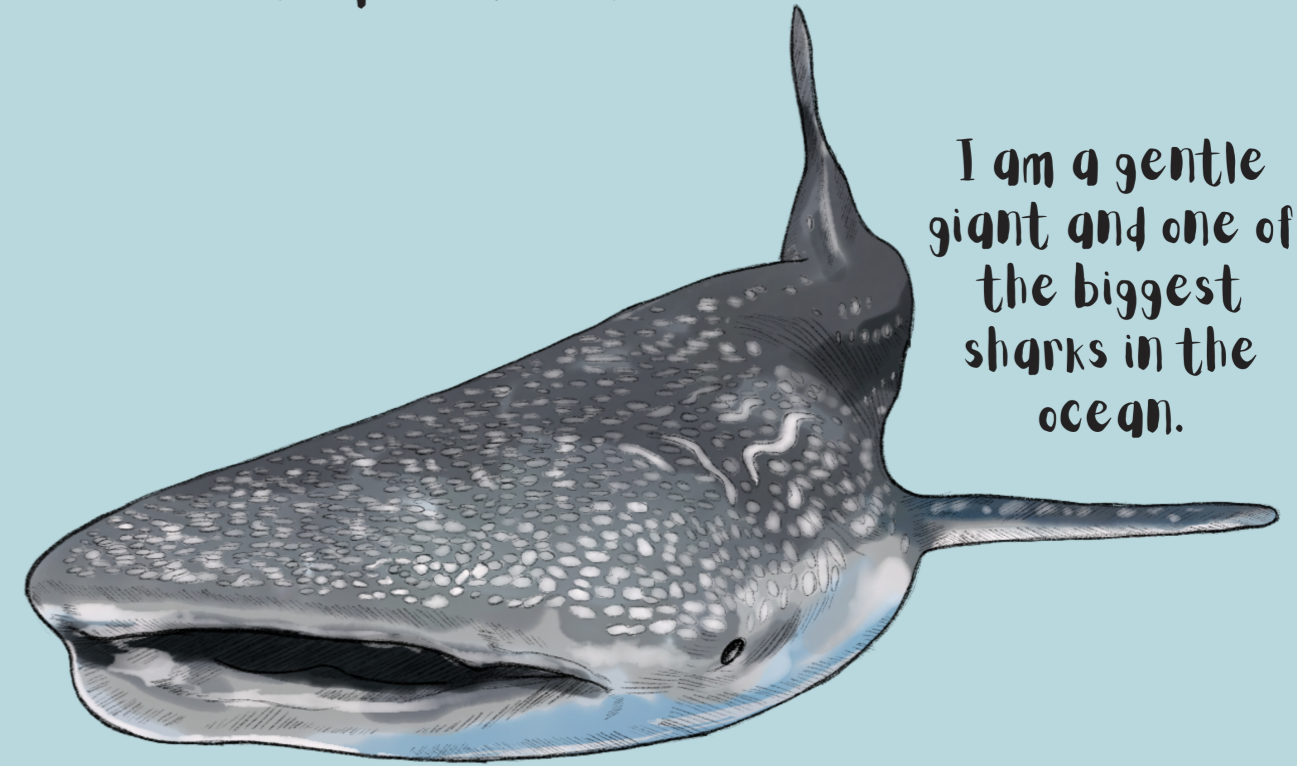
## The local legend of the whale shark

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

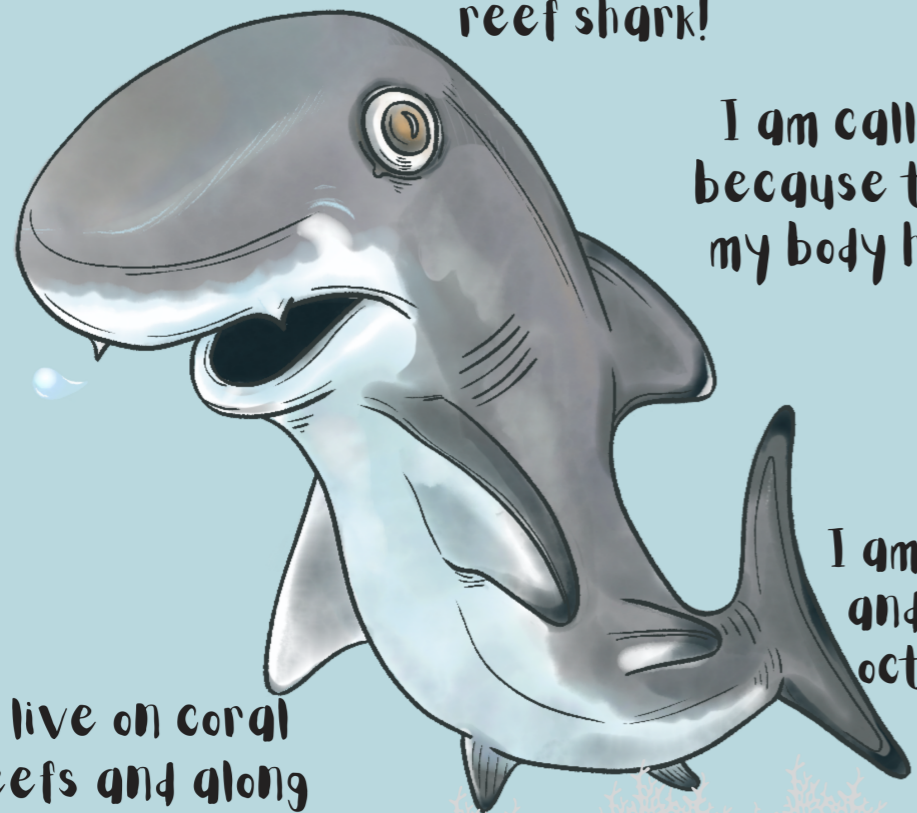


I am a gentle giant and one of the biggest sharks in the ocean.

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



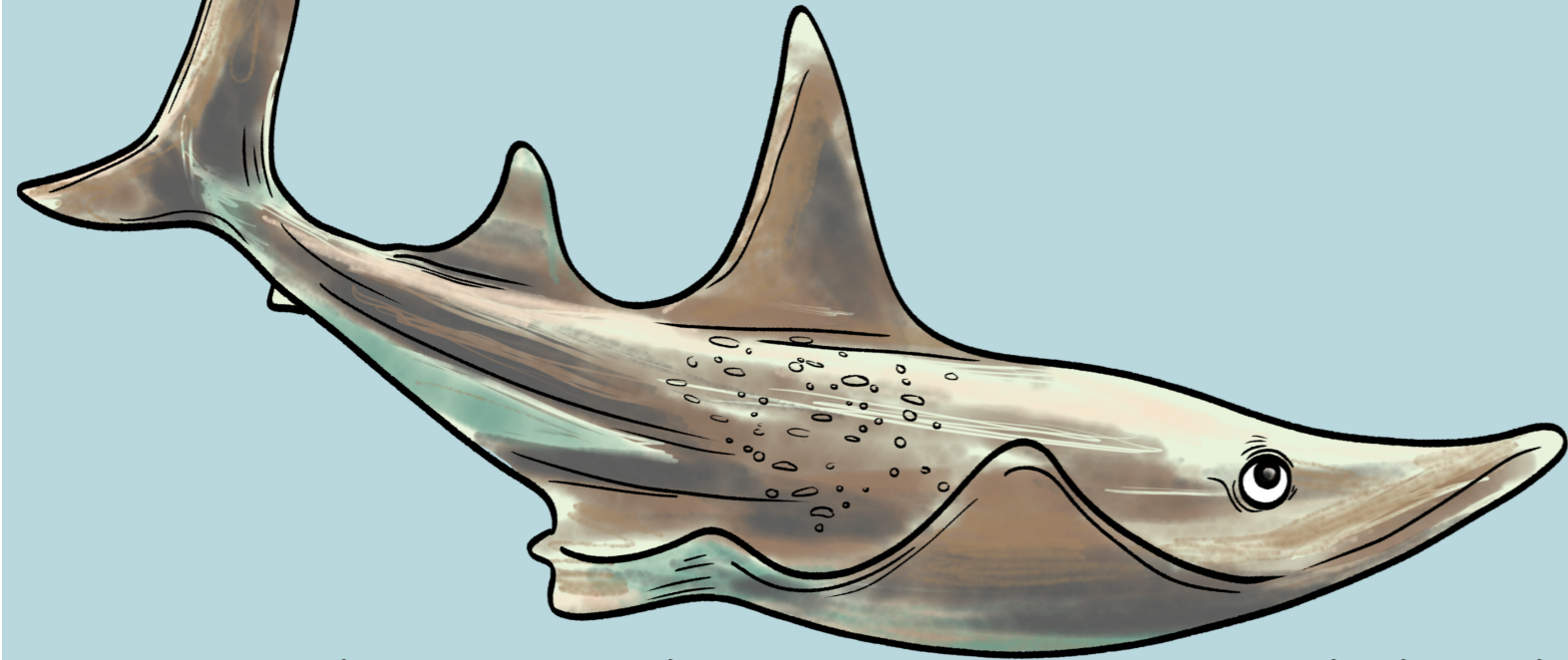
Hey, I am Leo and I am a Leopard shark. I am also known as a zebra shark



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!

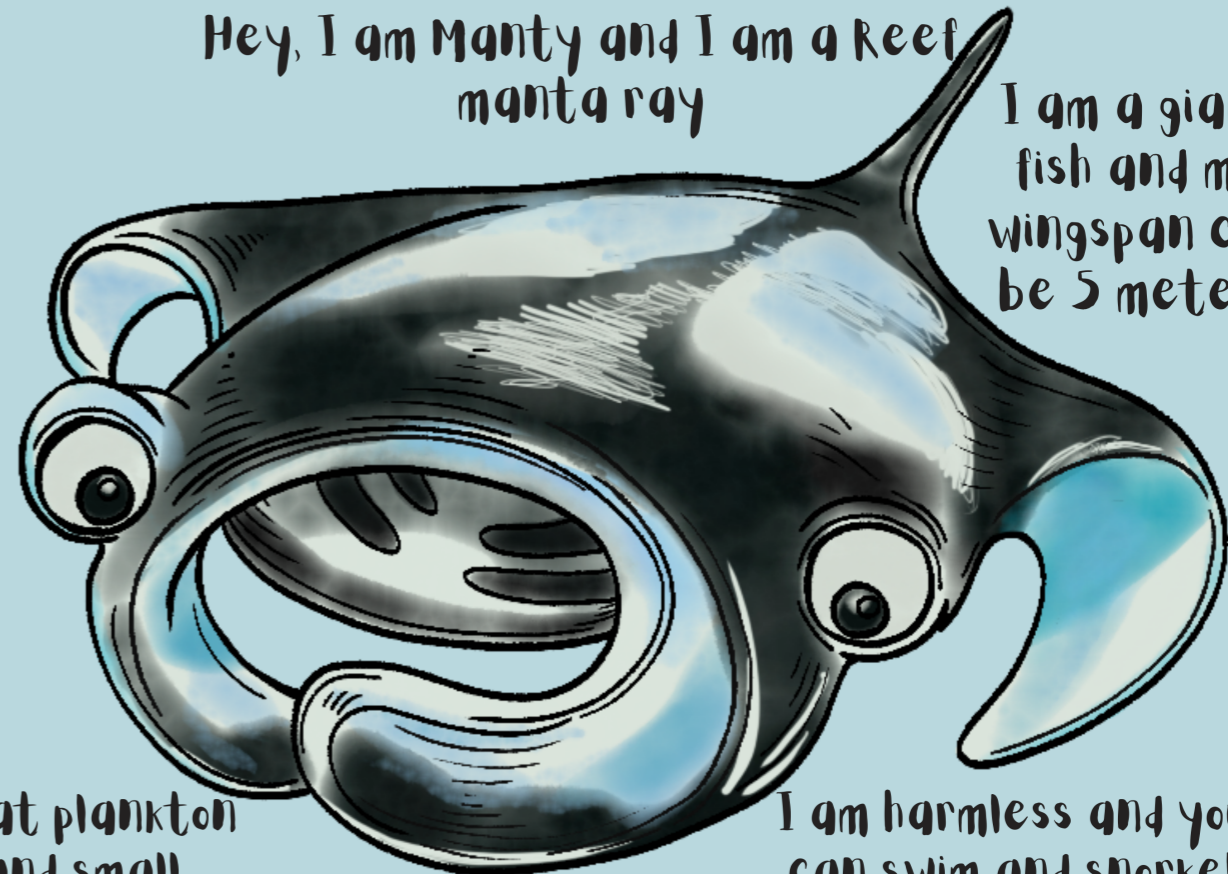


Did you know I can grow to be 3 meters long?!

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 produce and that puts them at a high risk of disappearing from the planet. When sharks disappear from earth, they become 'extinct'.

Did you know? Sharks and rays are threatened by,

Destructive fishing (eating shark fin)



Pollution



Destroyed habitats



## Threats

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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