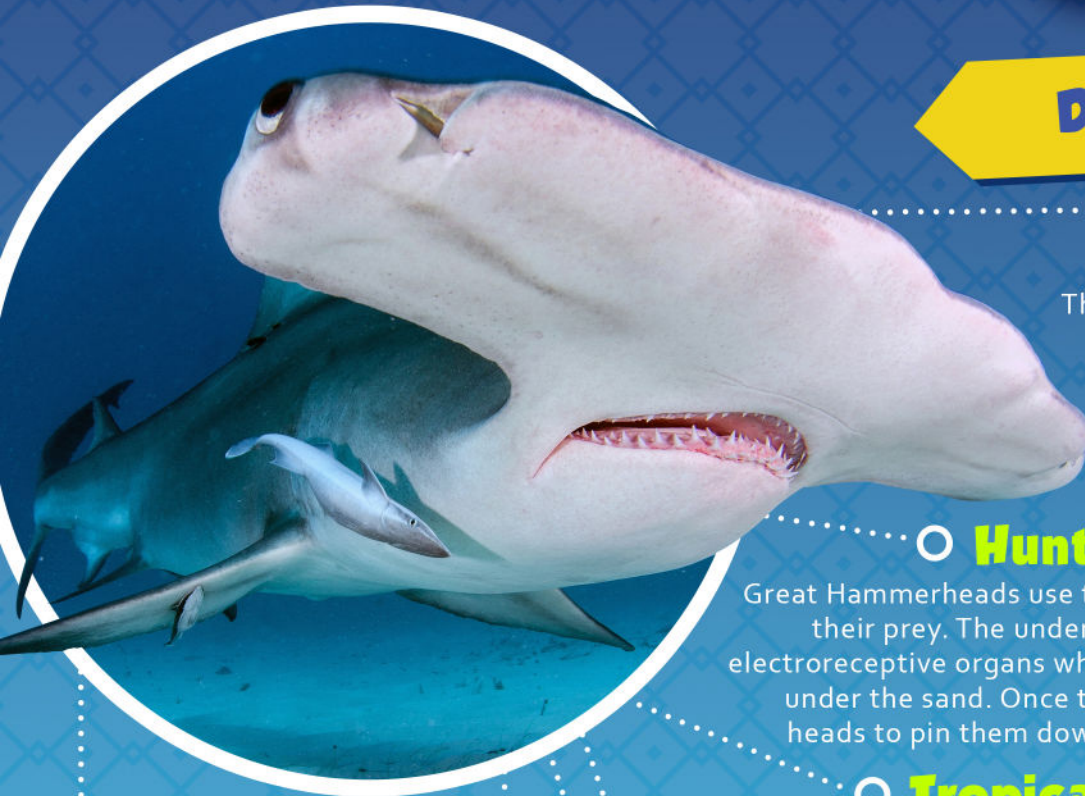


Great Hammerhead Shark



Did you know?

○ Largest Hammerheads

There are nine different types of hammerhead sharks, and the Great Hammerhead is the largest of all. They can grow to over six metres (20 feet) in length.

○ Hunting Techniques

Great Hammerheads use their wide flat heads to hunt their prey. The underside of their heads contains electroreceptive organs which pick up tiny movements under the sand. Once they find a ray they use their heads to pin them down before taking a few bites.

○ Tropical Water Lovers

They love living in warm tropical waters all over the world and migrate to cooler waters in the summer, which is when they give birth in shallow coastal waters.

○ Swimming Style

They love swimming sideways! A 2016 study discovered Great Hammerheads spend 90 percent of their swimming time tilted to one side as it helps make them more streamlined.

○ Favorite Food

They eat bottom dwelling fish and crustaceans, but their favorite food are stingrays.

○ 55 Babies at a Time

Great Hammerheads give birth in Spring and Summer to live young. They can give birth to anywhere from two to 42 babies at a time!



○ ENDANGERMENT

They are considered vulnerable and are threatened by commercial fishing and the shark fin trade. Shark fins are mostly used in a Chinese dish called 'shark fin' soup with more and more people ordering the soup leading to increased demand.



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