



ALL ABOUT SHARKS



Did you know that there are over **450** recognized **SPECIES** of sharks swimming in the world's oceans ?!

These magnificent creatures of the sea range in size from the length of a human hand **(LIKE THE LANTERN SHARK)** to over half the length of a basketball court **(LIKE THE WHALE SHARK).**

Some feed on tiny plankton **(LIKE THE BASKING SHARK)**, while others prefer larger fish and squid **(LIKE THE THRESHER, BLUE AND SHORTFIN MAKO SHARKS).**

Sharks have been around for over **400** million years! In that time, they have become extremely diverse and can be found in nearly every corner of the planet — from the poles to the tropics, the deep sea, open ocean, coral reefs, kelp forests and beach-side shallows.

Moreover, sharks have shaped the marine **ENVIRONMENT** for centuries, and play an important role in maintaining a healthy ocean **ECOSYSTEM.**

They are impressive **APEX PREDATORS**, with jaws and teeth well-adapted to hunting and eating large prey animals.

For the most part, sharks are at the top of the **FOOD WEB** and tend to eat very efficiently, keeping many marine animal populations healthy and balanced.

Unfortunately, harmful **FISHING PRACTICES** have dramatically reduced shark numbers all over the world, and if sharks disappeared — as many of them might — we would miss them! Populations of large sharks have rapidly and drastically declined, particularly in recent decades and nearly a quarter of shark species are listed as **THREATENED** or **ENDANGERED** by the **IUCN.**

SO LET'S RAISE AWARENESS AND LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARKS IN OUR FRAGILE OCEANS!

MAYBE YOU CAN'T SAVE SHARKS ON YOUR OWN - BUT TOGETHER - WE CAN DO THIS!

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FROM THE MASSIVE WHALE SHARK TO THEIR CLOSE, CARTILAGINOUS RELATIVES — THE SKATES & STINGRAYS !!