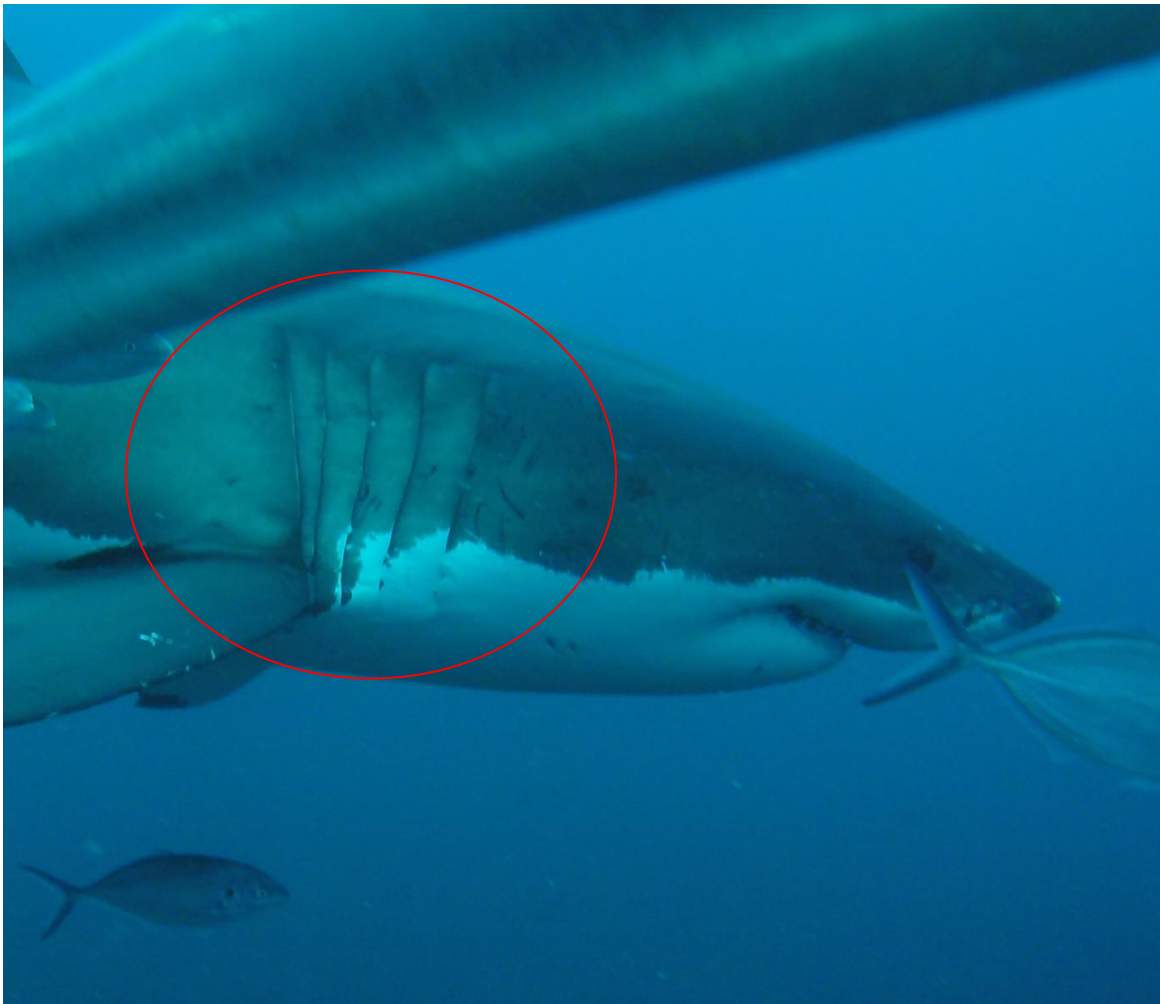


# *Shark Fact #5 - Gills*

Sharks have 5-7 gill slits on the side of their head, which they use to filter oxygen from the water. Most sharks swim with their mouths open, which allow the water to pass over the gills. Sharks that are seen resting on the ocean bottom have strong neck muscles that pump water over the gills that allow the shark to breathe.



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