Shark Fact #8 - Commercial Fishing

Many people think of sharks as "vicious man-eaters." In reality, you are more likely to be killed from taking a selfie before you are attacked or even killed by a shark. As of 2018, there were 66 shark attacks worldwide (only 4 of them were fatal); whereas, an estimated 100 million sharks are killed each year. Commercial fisheries have played an integral part in the decline of many species. Sharks are accidentally caught in nets or on long line fishing gear. Many shark populations have decreased by 90% since large scale fishing began.





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