

Marine Fishes

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Fish of The World



- 515 families in fish classification
- Nine large fish families, each with >400 species, contain ~9300 species
- 64 families are monotypic (i.e. only contain one species)
- 151 families have only one genus.
- Successor of the waters.

Jawless Fishes

- Hagfish and lampreys are jawless fishes that lack both paired appendages and scales.



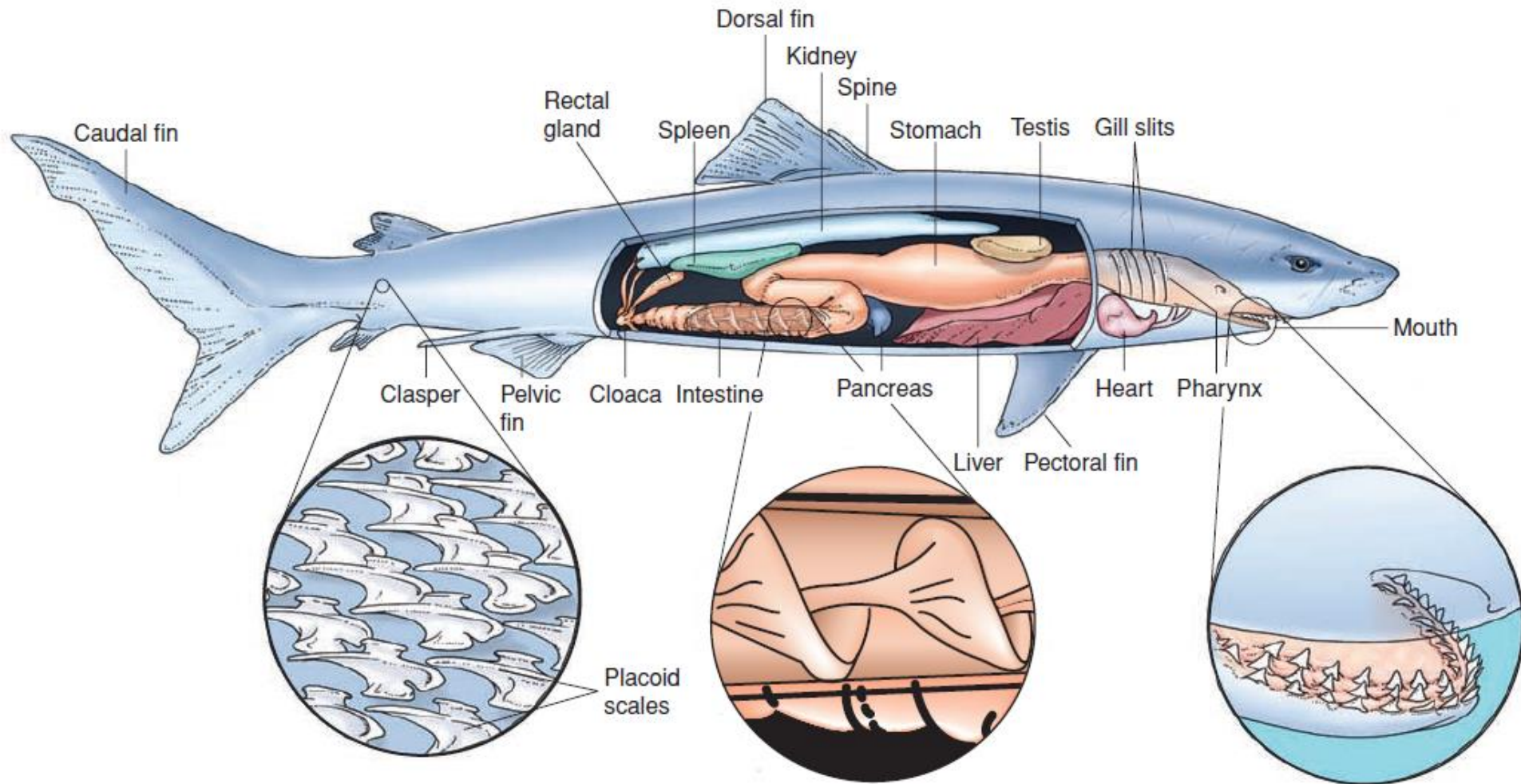
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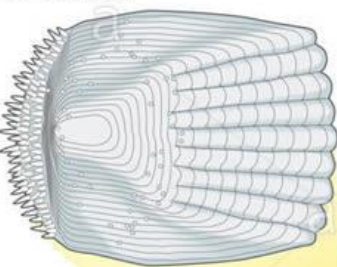
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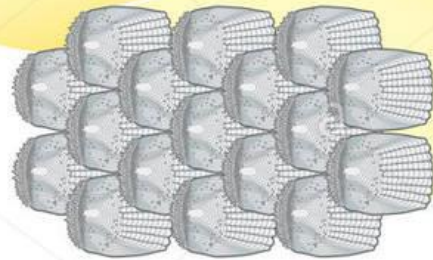
Cartilaginous Fishes



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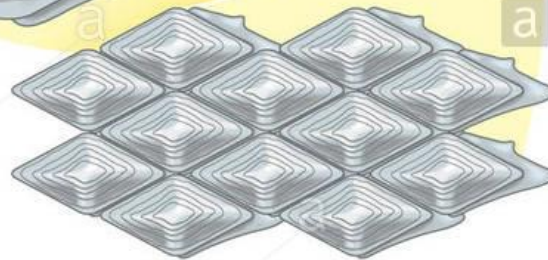
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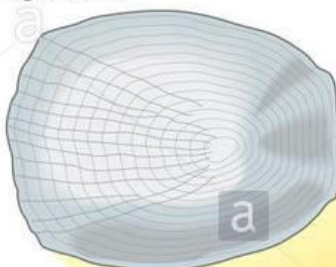
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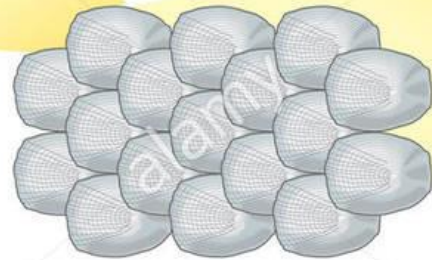
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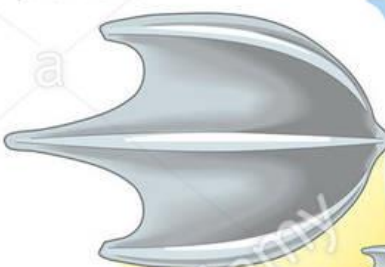
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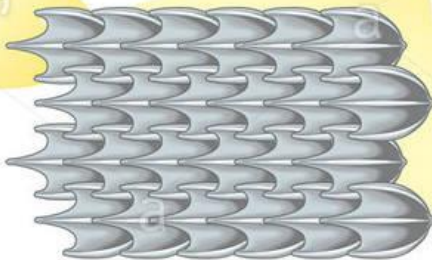
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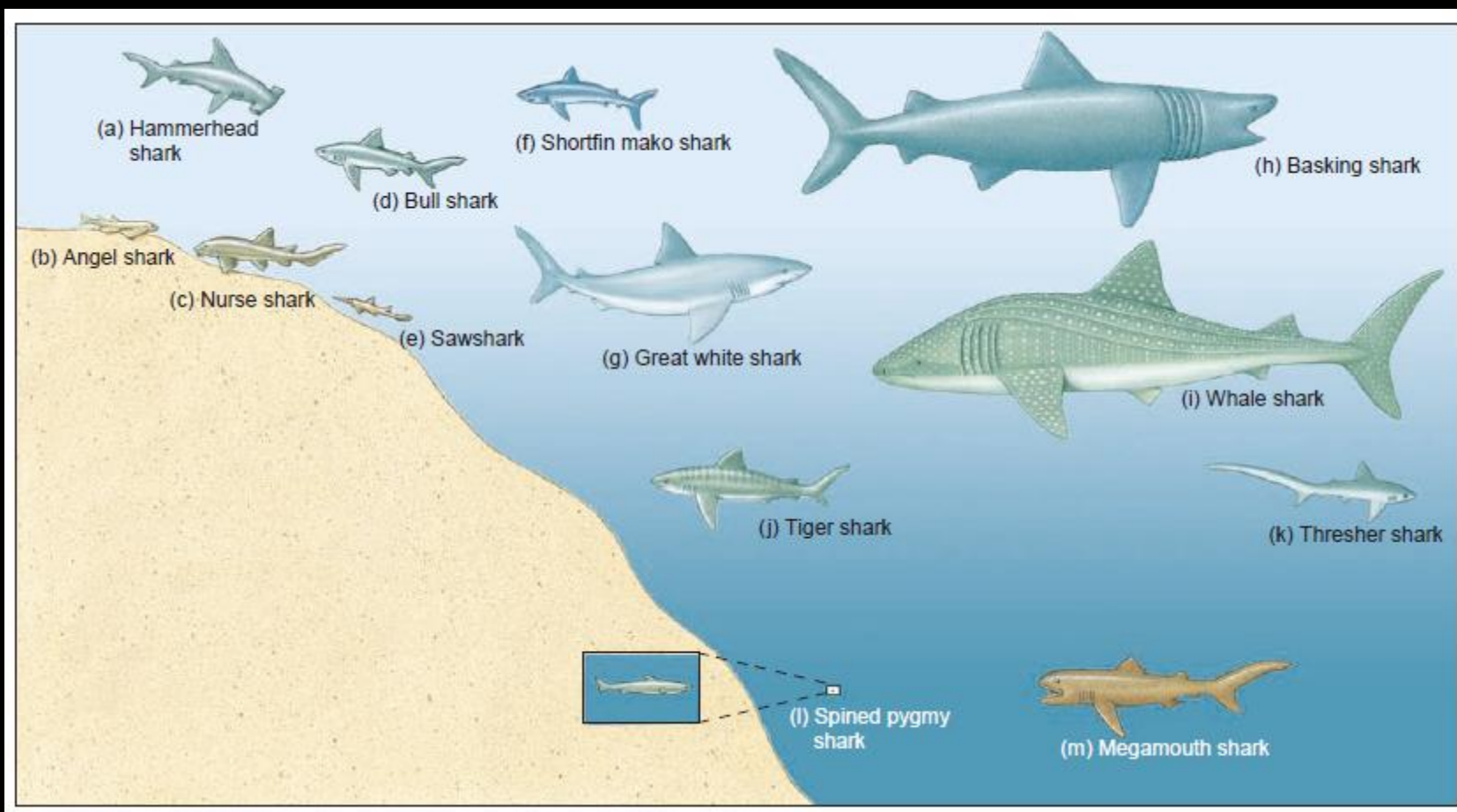


Cartilaginous Fishes



- Cartilaginous fishes can be divided into two major groups, the **holocephalans** (chimaeras, or ratfish) and the **elasmobranchs**.
- The **elasmobranchs** have evolved into two general body forms, the typically streamlined bodies of sharks and the dorsoventrally flattened bodies of skates and rays.



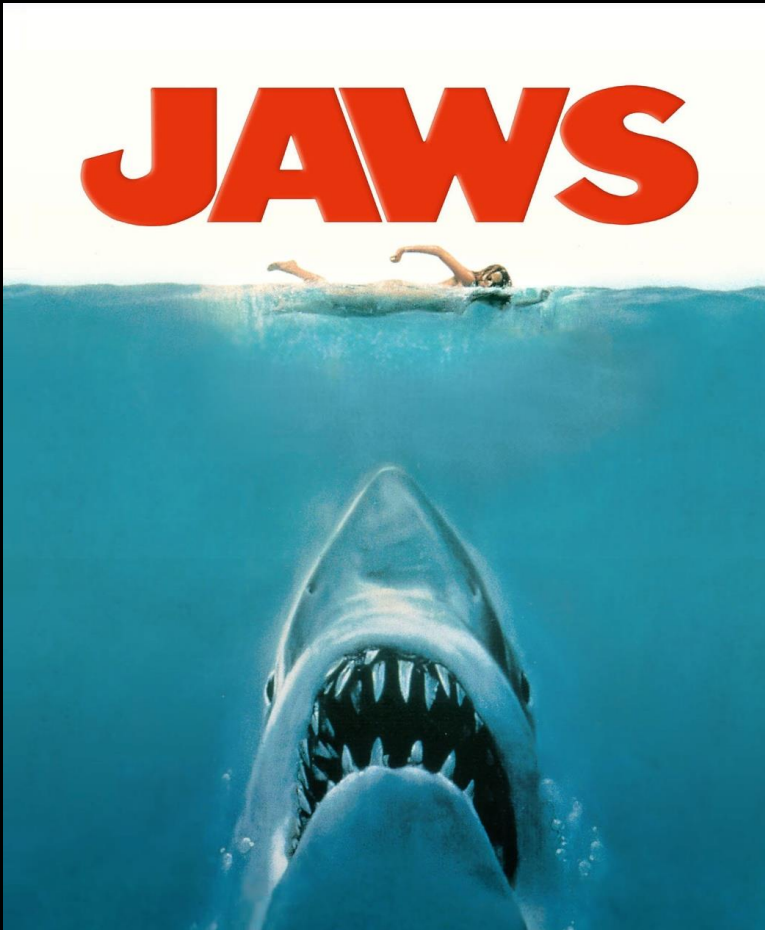




Sharks



Shark Attacks on Humans



Great White Shark



SHARK
ACADEMY

Tiger Shark



CEMP
ACADEMY

Bull Shark



Scalloped Hammerhead Shark



SHARK
ACADEMY

Blue shark

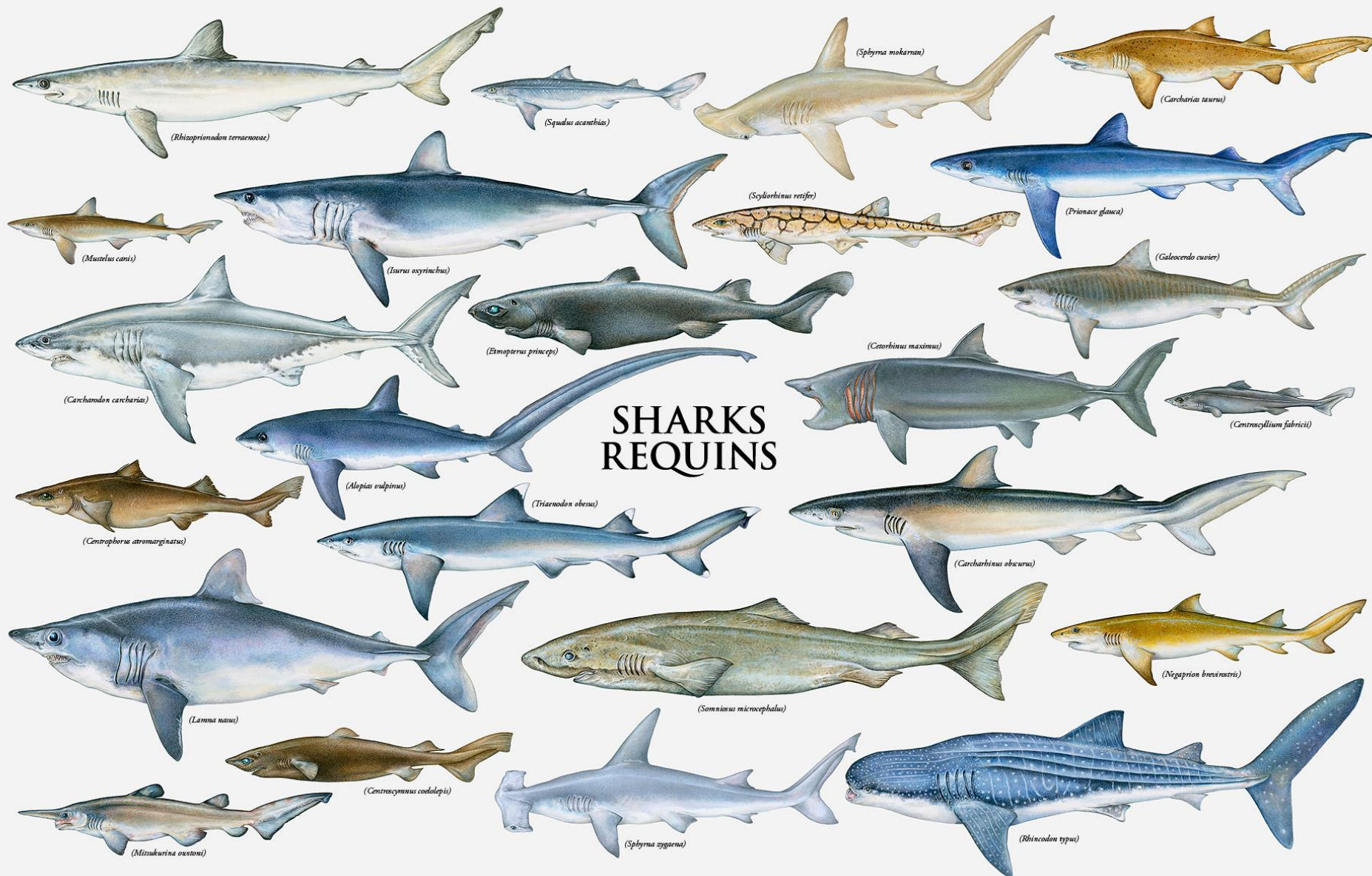


Whale Shark



Greenland Shark

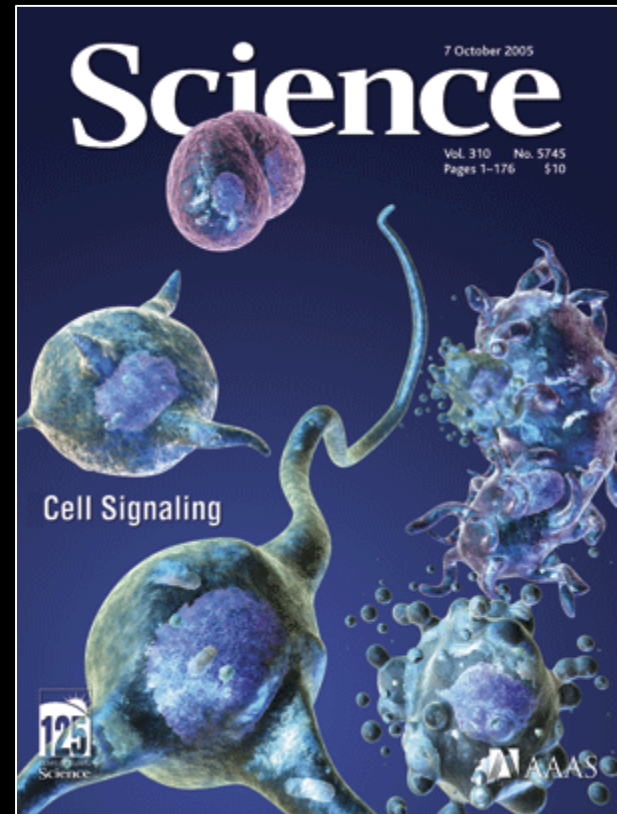
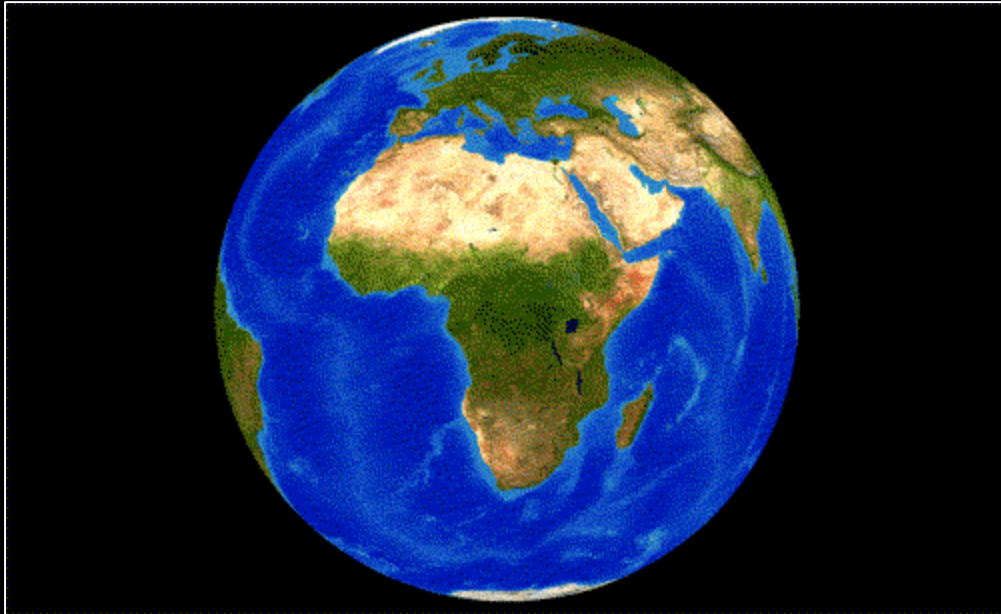




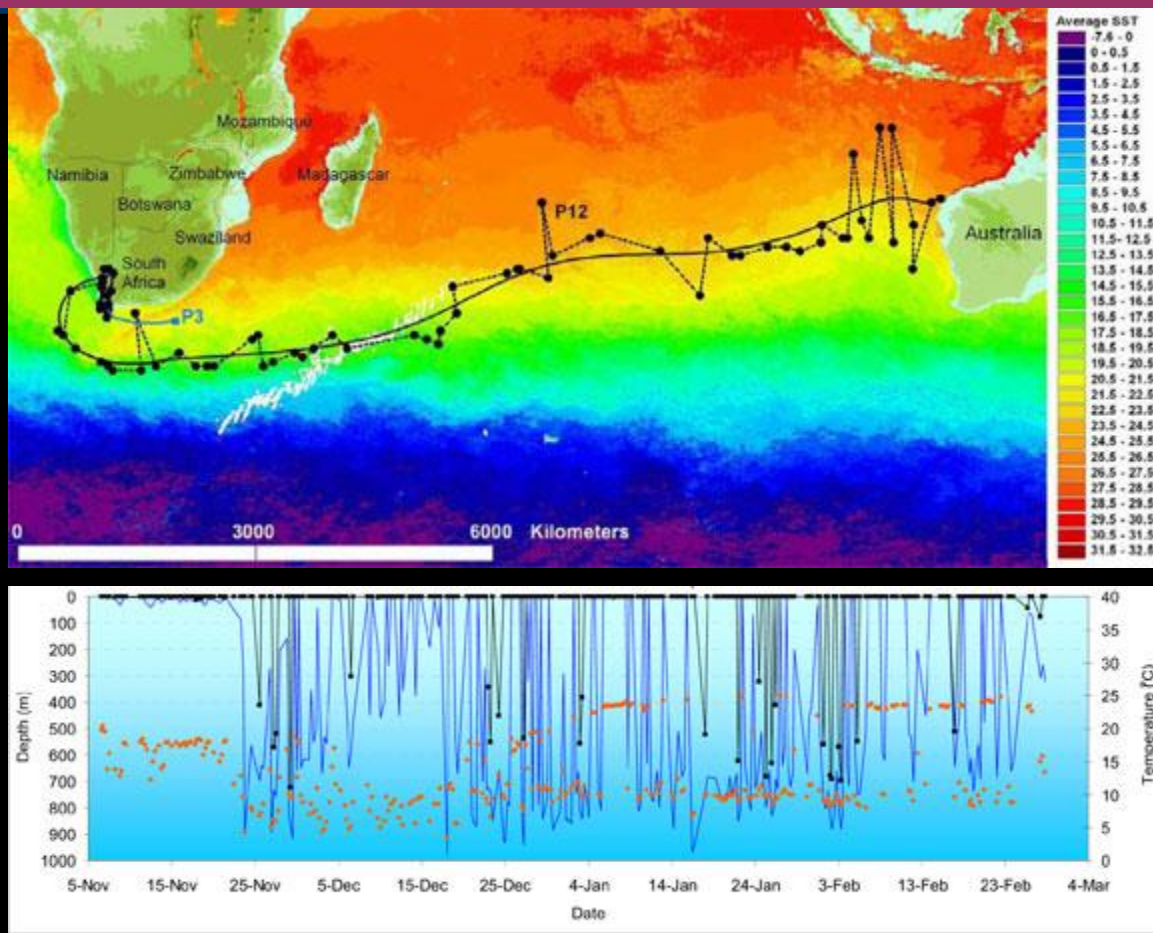


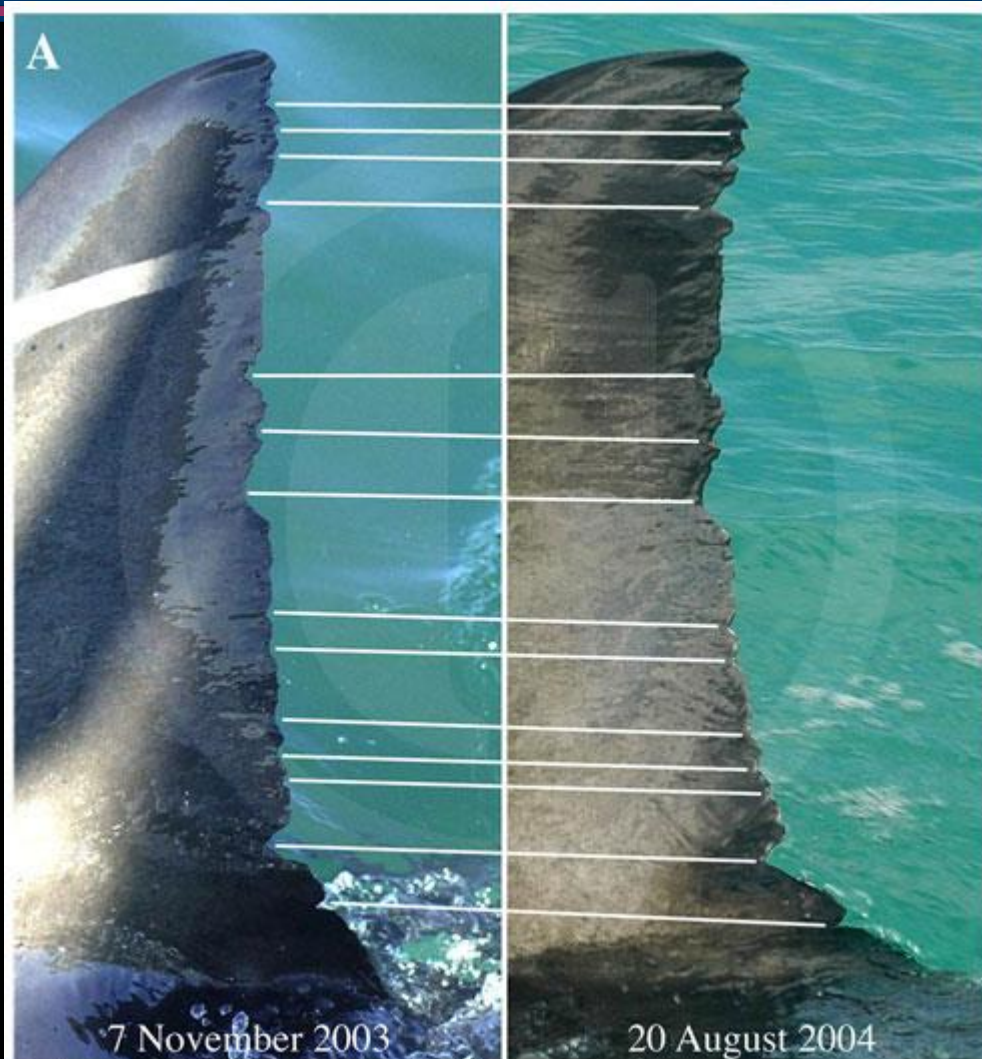
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Great White Transoceanic Migration

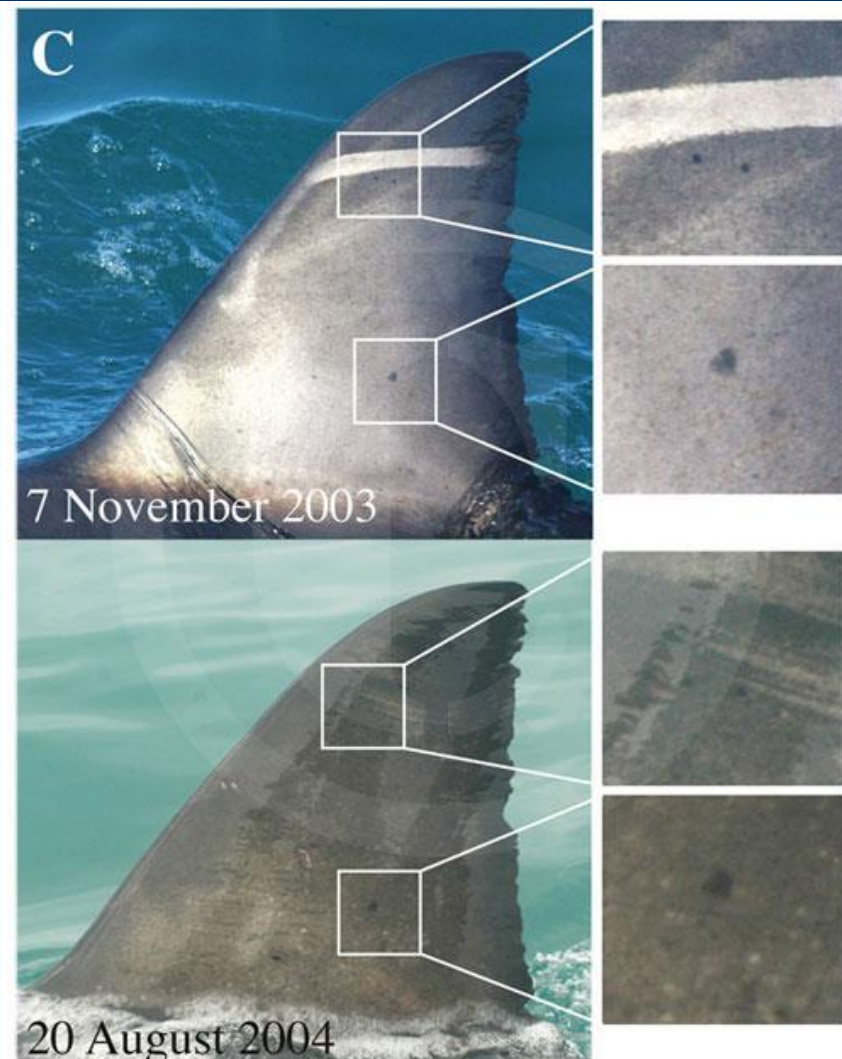


Breaking records



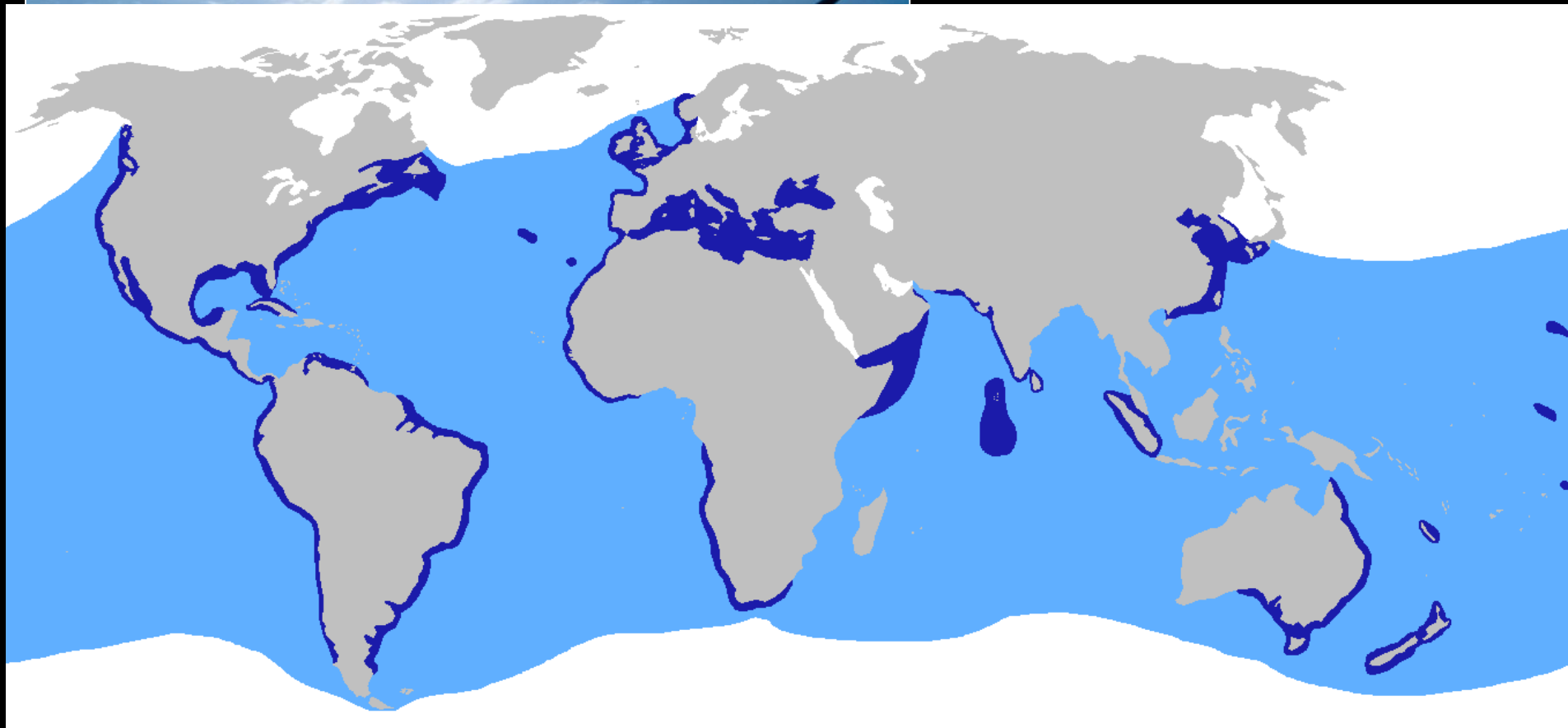


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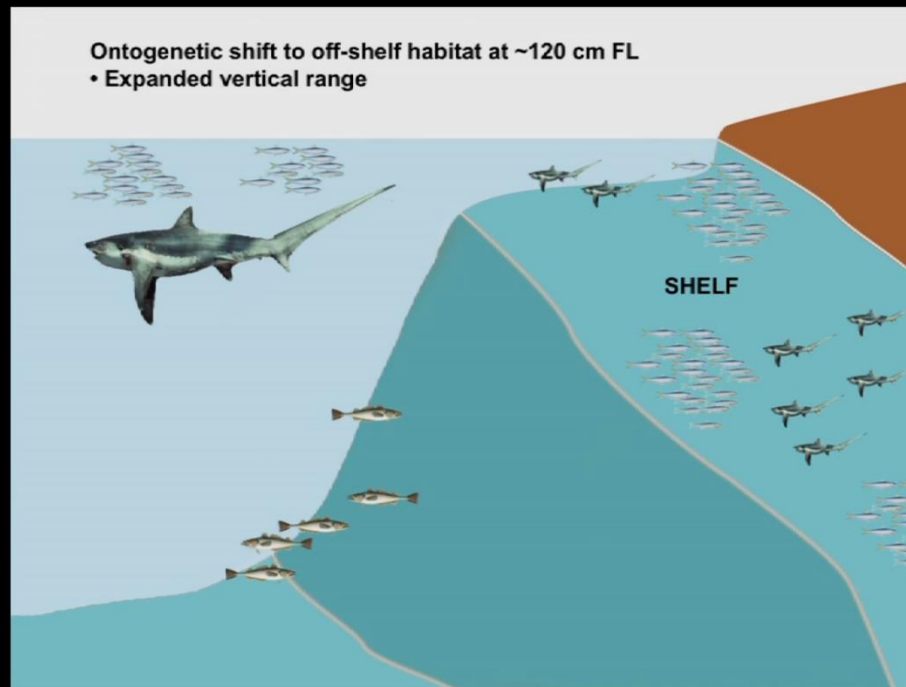


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The oceanic sharks



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Skates and Rays



Skates and Rays

团扇鲛



圆梨头鲛



Skates and Rays

电鳐



Skates and Rays



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Skate and Ray



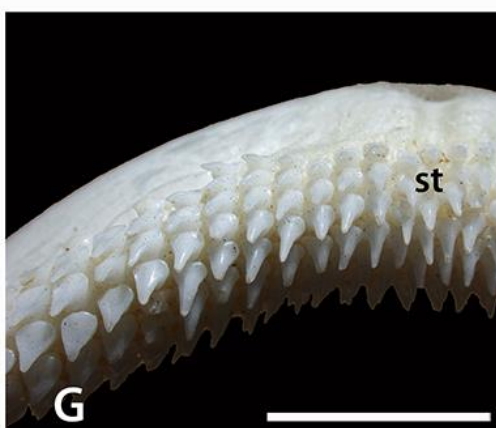
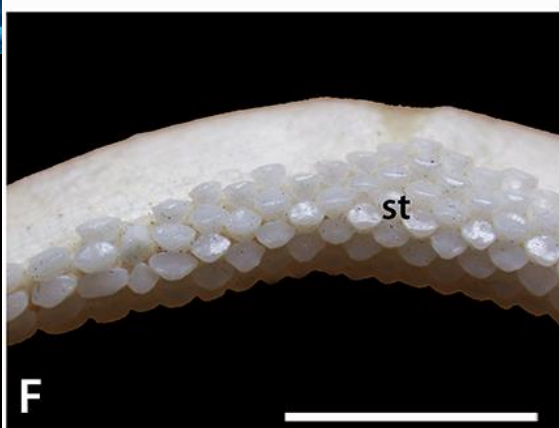
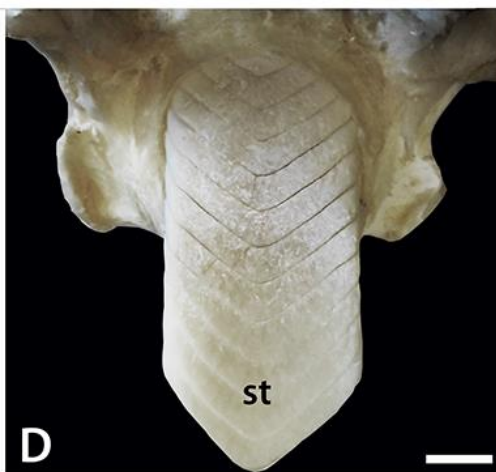
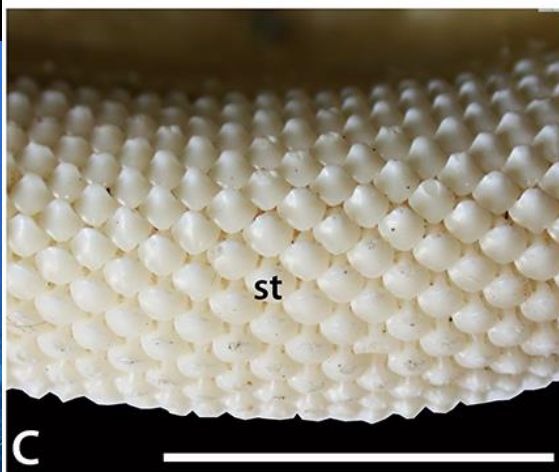
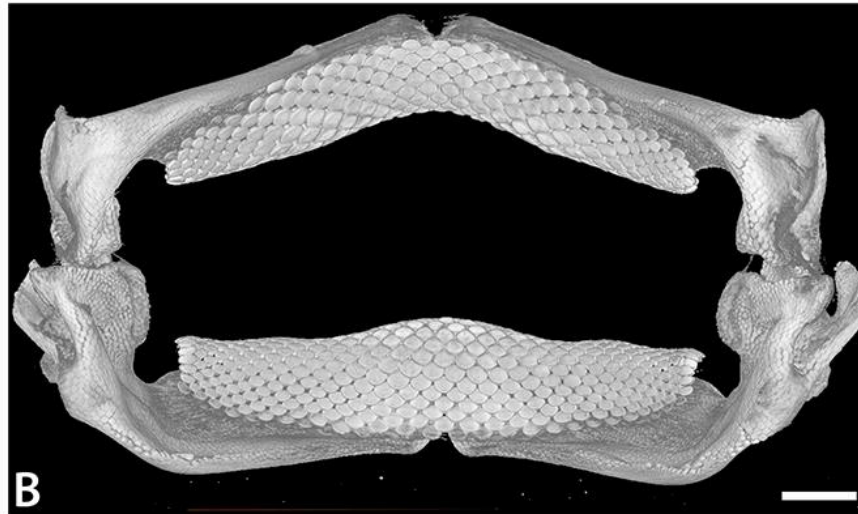
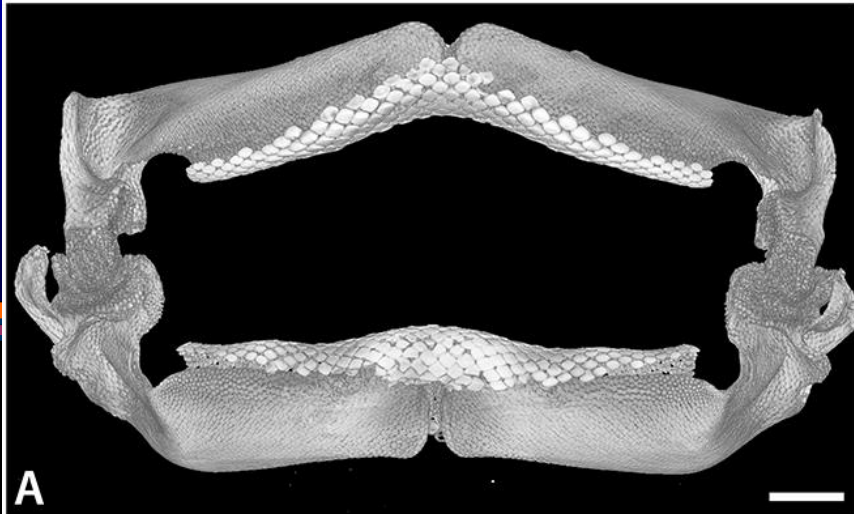
What are Manta Rays?

Elasmobranchs: 1050 species

500 species of sharks

550 species of rays





What are Manta Rays?



Mobulidae

Mobula Rays (9 species)

Manta Rays (2+ species)

What are Manta Rays?



Reef manta
Manta alfredi
阿式前口蝠鲼

Oceanic manta
Manta birostris
双吻前口蝠鲼

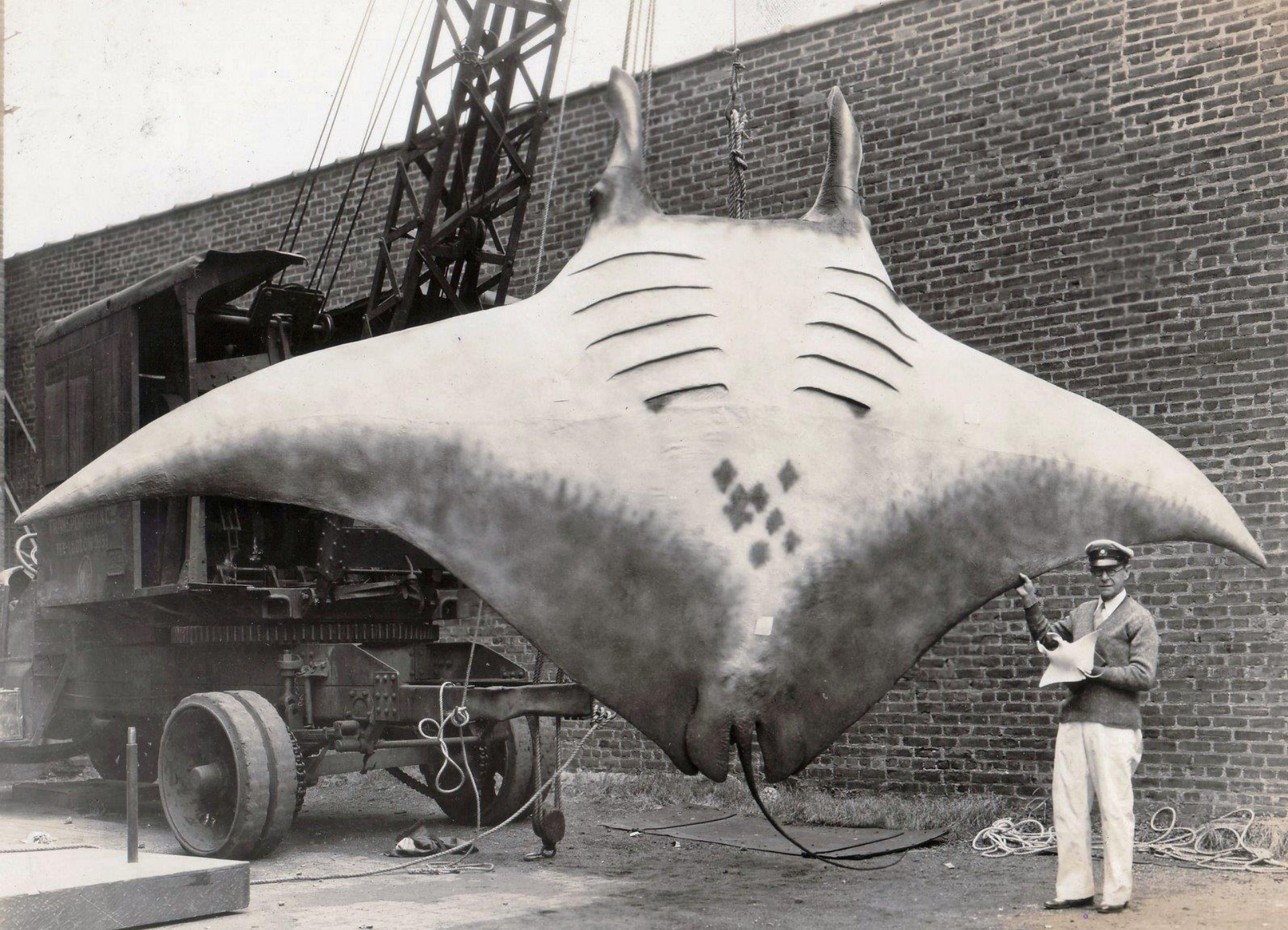




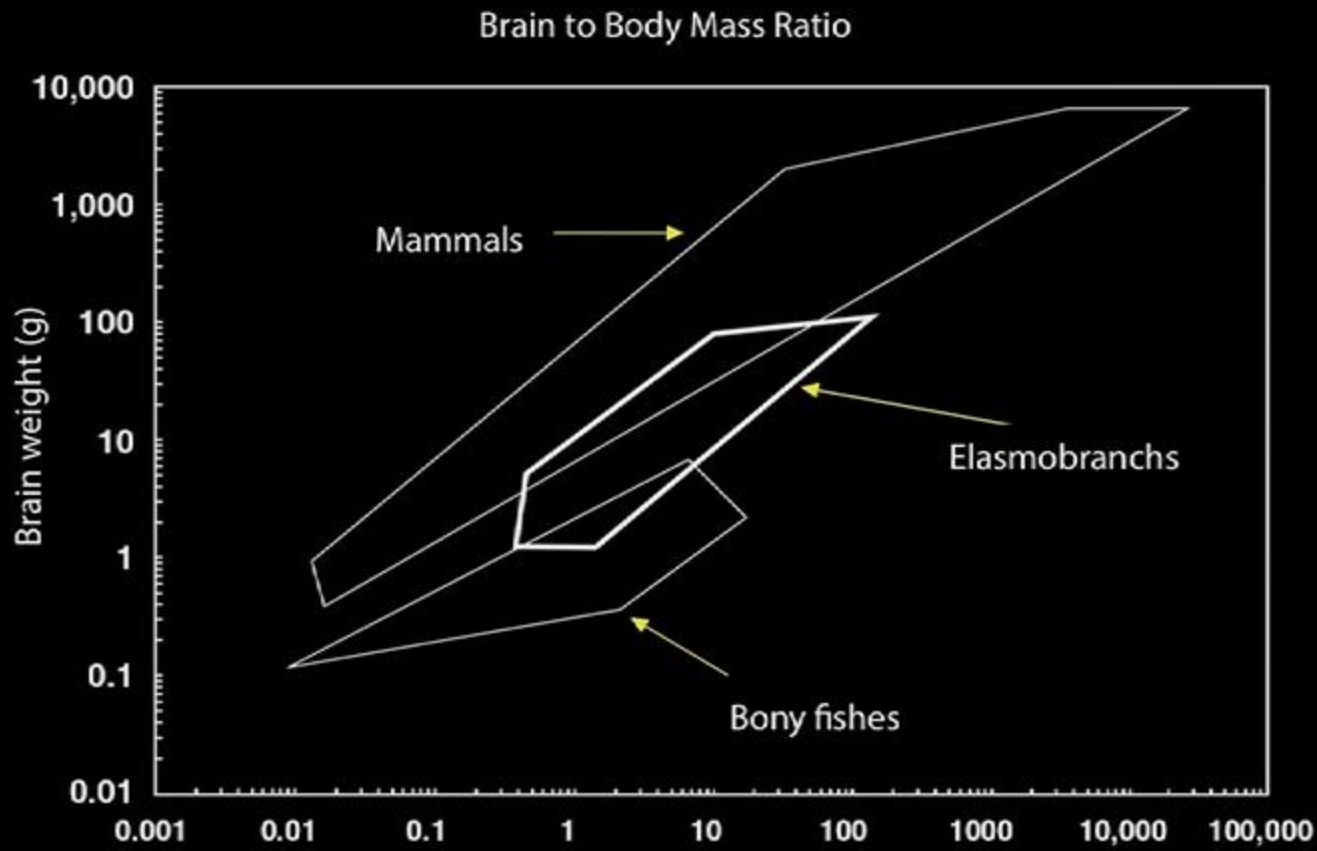
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OCEANIC MANTA RAY HOVERS OVER A CLEANING STATION IN MISOOL, RAJA AMPAT.



Manta Intelligence

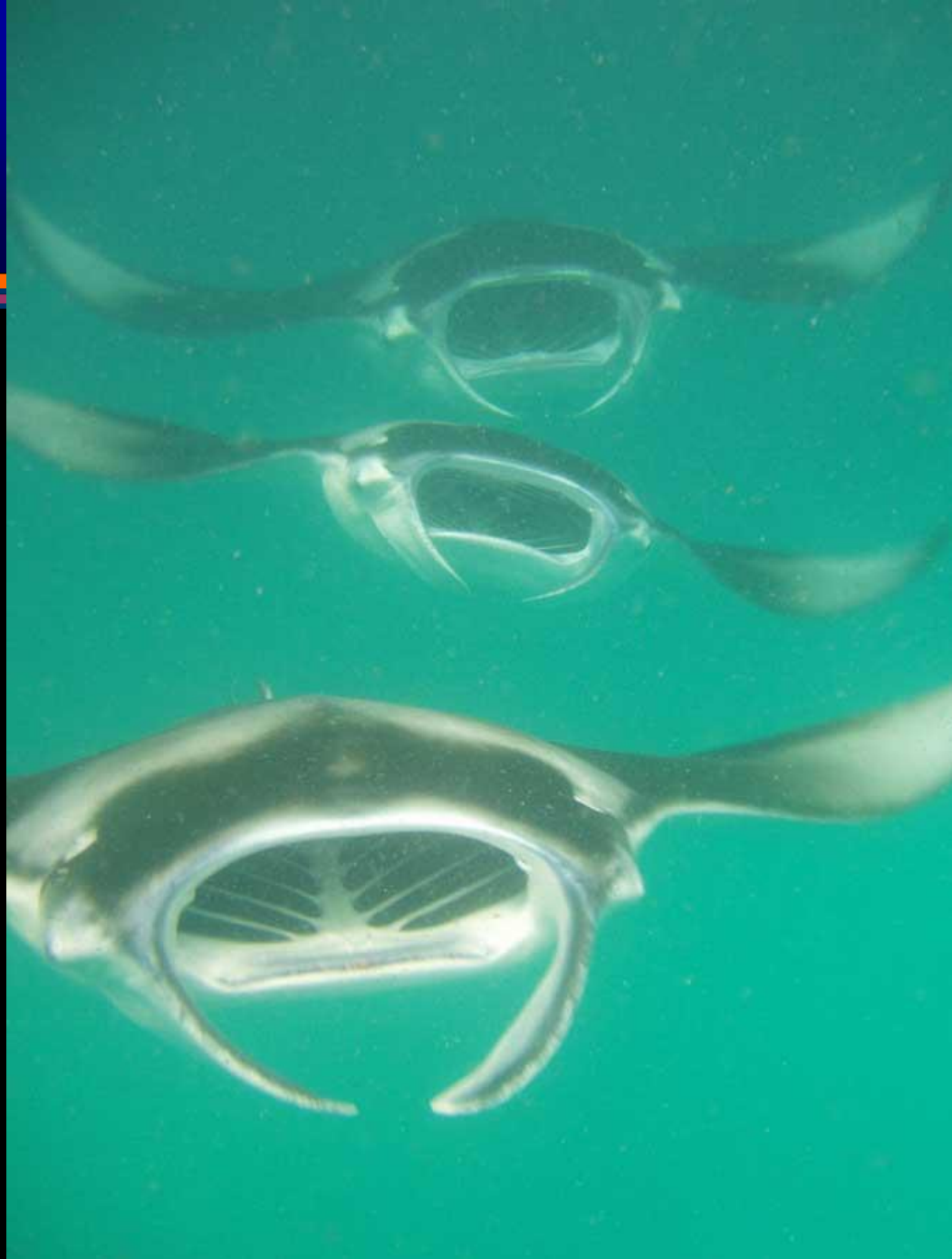


Manta Reproduction





Manta feeding



Manta predators



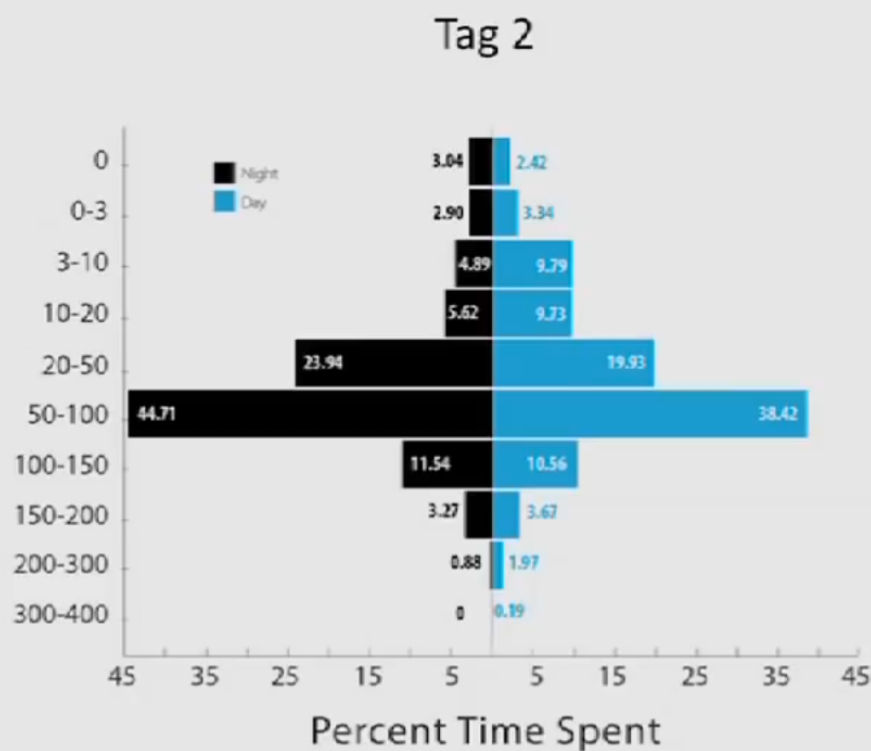
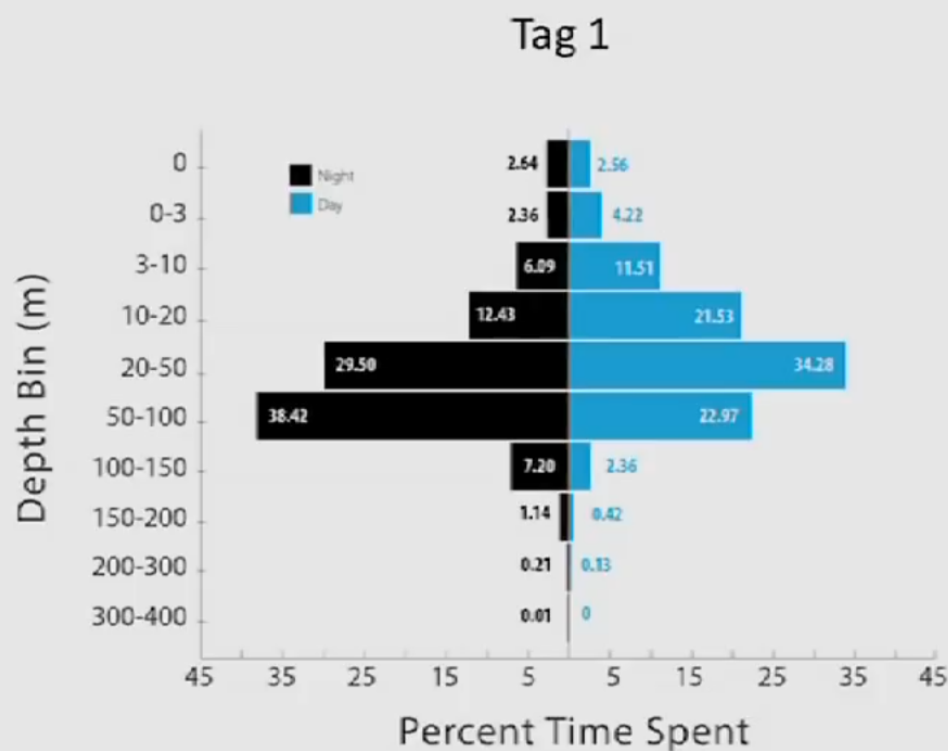
Manta predators





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Manta depth selection



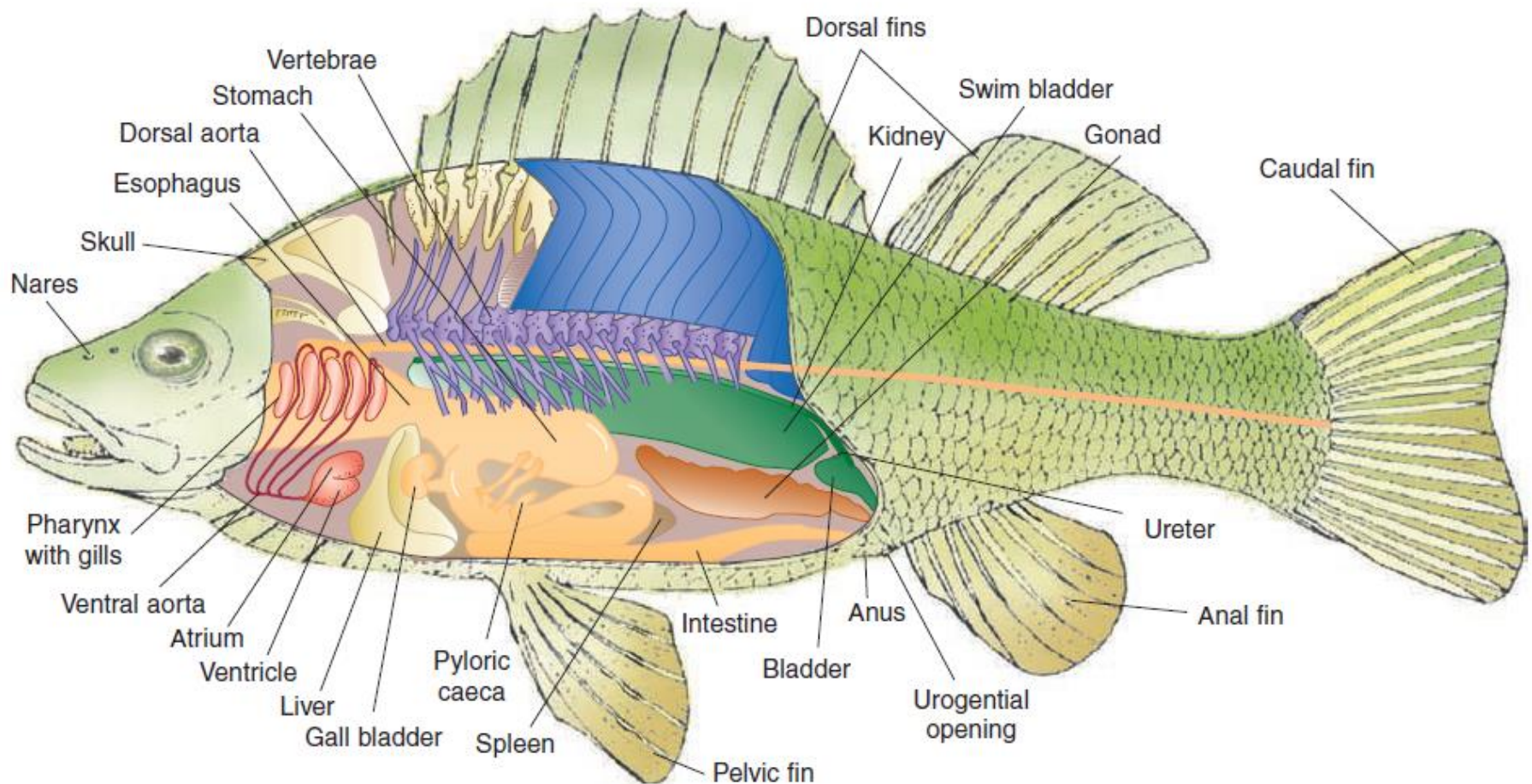
Evidence of Bottom Feeding?



Chimaeras

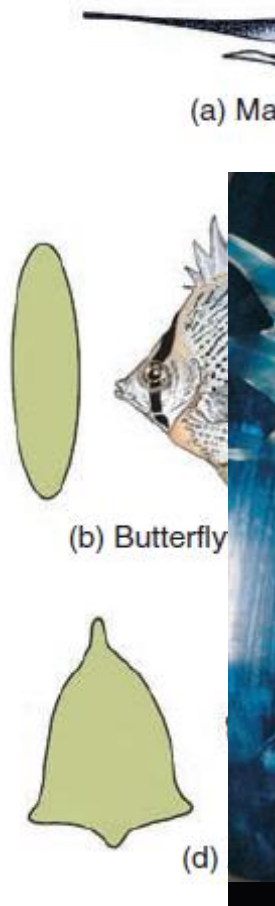


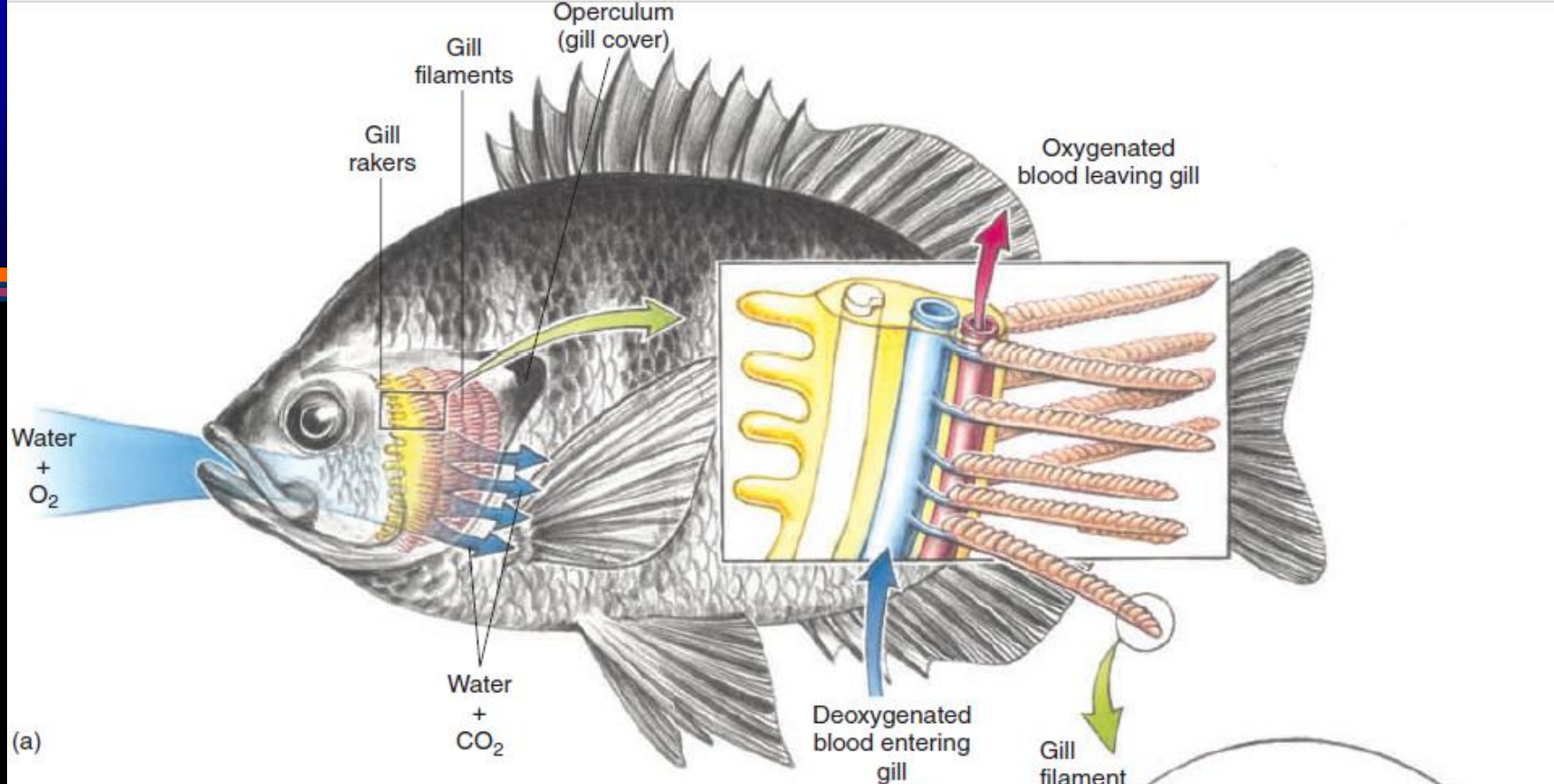
Ray-Finned Fishes



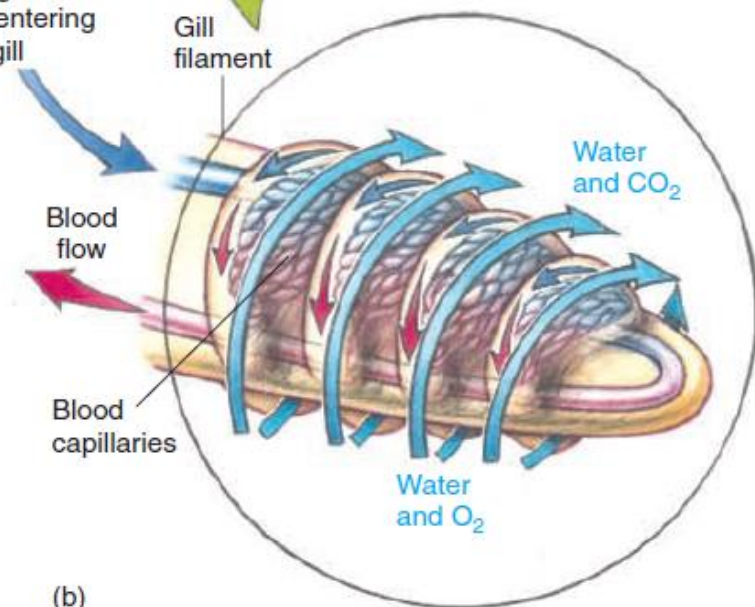
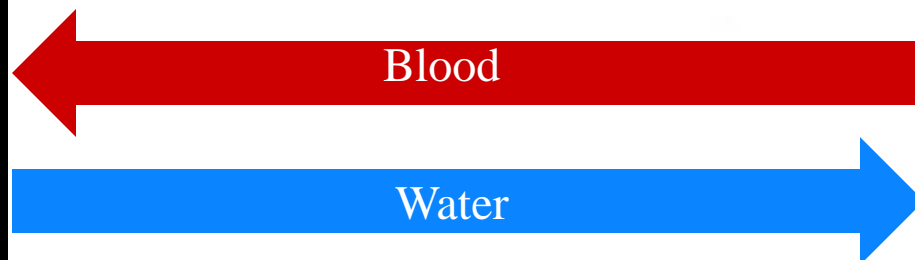
The Biology

- Fishes have diverse adaptations to the challenges of aquatic life
- Body shape:
- Coloration and patterns:





(a)



(b)

How do Sharks Breathe?



Osmoregulation



- Sharks, skates, and rays solve this problem by retaining enough **urea** and **trimethylamine oxide (TMAO)** in their blood and body fluids to either balance the solute concentration of seawater or become slightly hypertonic to it.
- Species such as the bull shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*) have the ability to enter freshwater by reducing the levels of these nitrogenous wastes in their body fluids.
- Ray-finned fishes excrete negligible amounts of urine because they need to retain as much water as possible.

Buoyancy Regulation

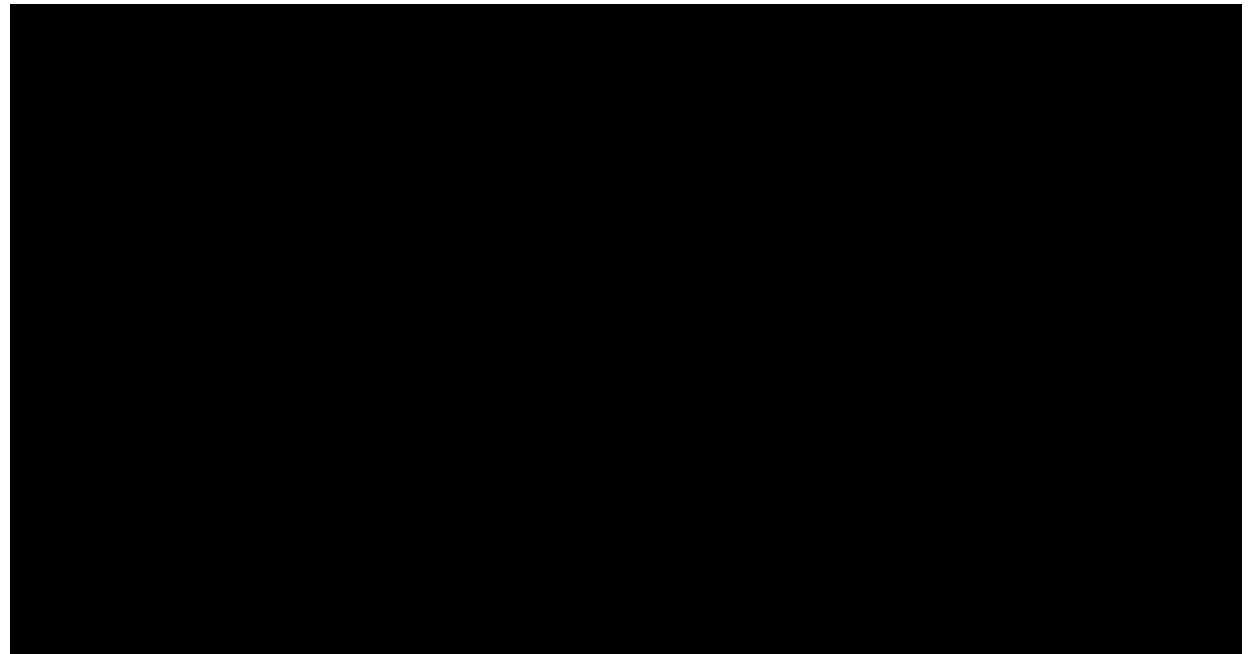


- Sharks sink if they stop swimming because their bodies are denser than seawater. They compensate for this problem by maintaining large quantities of an oily material called **squalene** in their livers.
- Most ray-finned fishes, with the exception of some pelagic species, bottom dwellers, and deep-sea fishes, use a gas-filled sac called a **swim bladder**.

Feeding in Fish



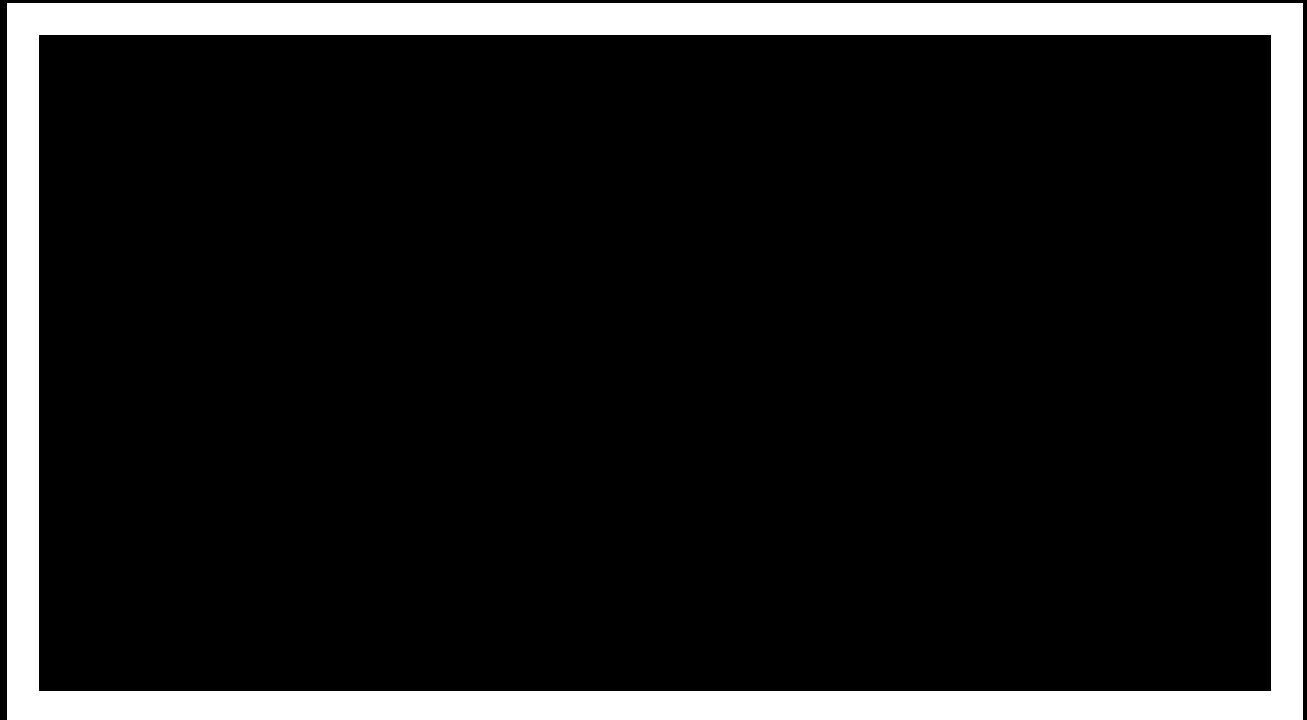
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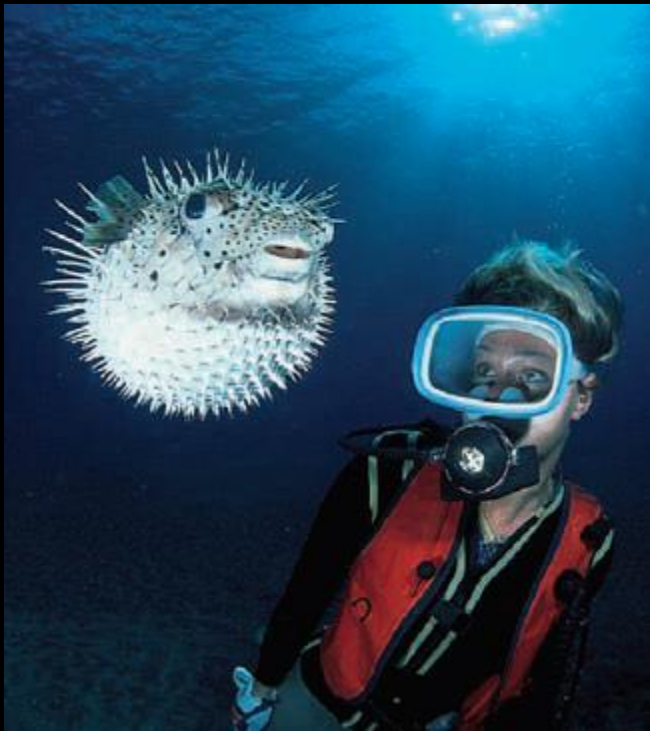
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Adaptations to avoid predation



Reproduction



- *Oviparity*

Eggs are shed into the water and embryos develop outside the mother's body. This mode is the most commonly observed in ray-finned fishes.

- *Ovoviviparity*

Fertilization is internal and eggs hatch within the mother's uterus where they are nourished by yolk stored in the egg. This is the most common mode observed in sharks.

- *Viviparity*

Either the young directly attach to the mother's uterine wall or the mother's uterus produces "uterine milk" that is absorbed by the embryo.

Shark Reproduction



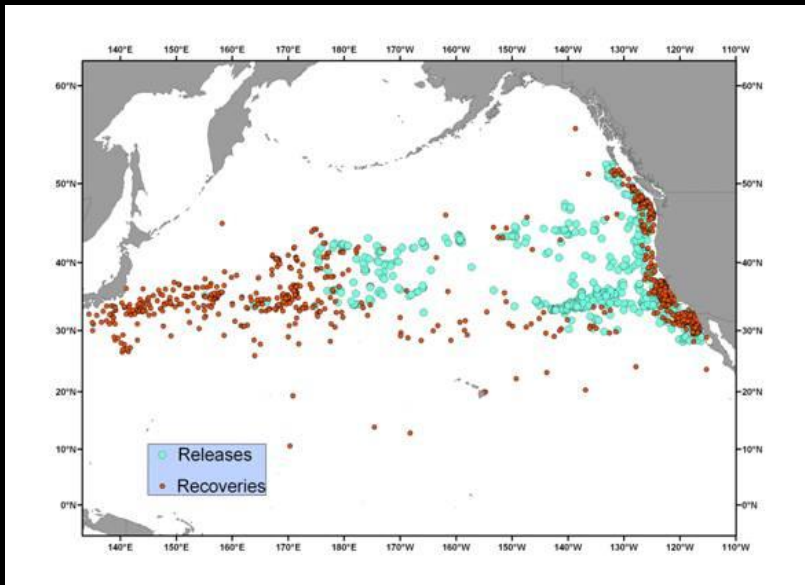
Reproductive strategies

- Pelagic Spawners
- Benthic Spawners
- Brood Hiders
- Guardians
- Bearers
- Hermaphroditism



Fish migrations

- Migratory movements of marine fish are common and may occur daily or seasonally. Daily migrations are usually associated with feeding and predator avoidance.
- Seasonal migrations of marine fish are usually associated with spawning, changing temperatures, or feeding.

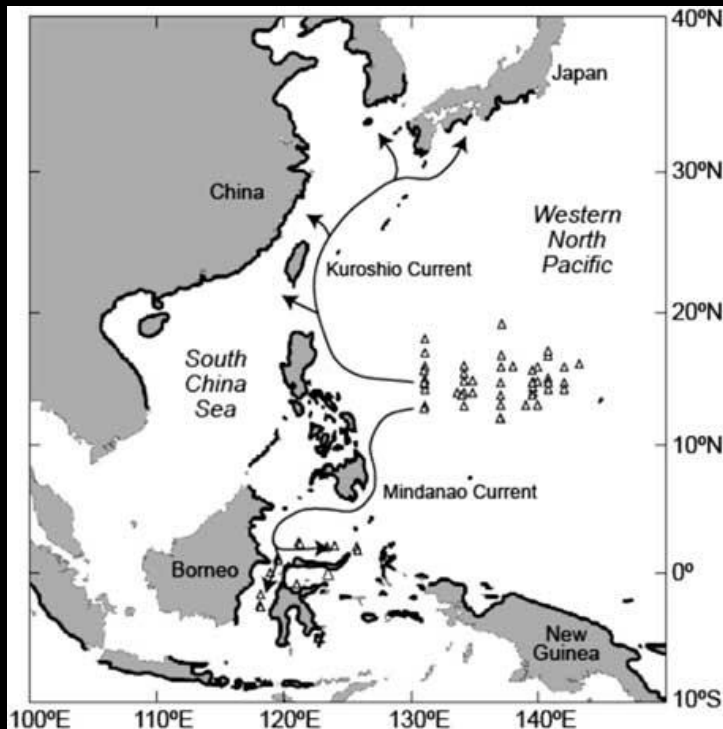


Fish migrations



- Some fish species move between freshwater and saltwater for a purpose other than reproduction. Young mullets (*Mugil cephalus*), for example, spend part of their time in freshwater or estuaries. But as adults, they live most of their life in the ocean and spawn there. Fishes that move from freshwater to seawater to spawn are said to be *catadromous*, whereas those that move from seawater to freshwater to spawn are *anadromous*.

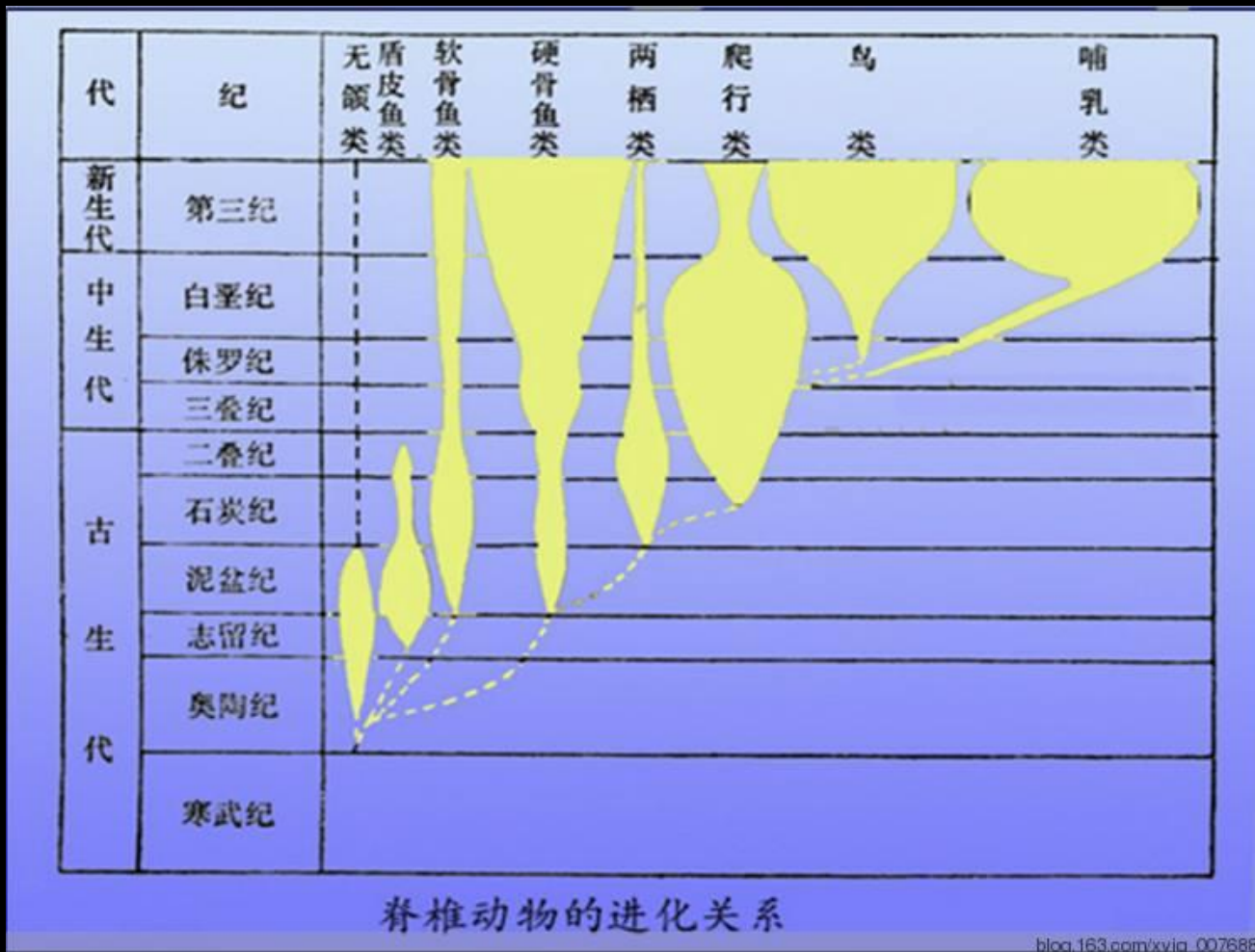
Fish migrations



Anguilla japonica



Oncorhynchus



Points



Lamprey and hagfish lack

- A. Paired fins
- B. Tails
- C. Jaws
- D. Mouths
- E. Both a and c

The skeletons of sharks and rays are composed of

- A. Bone
- B. Cartilages
- C. Soft tissue
- D. Fluid
- E. Cellulose

Shark's teeth are actually modified

- A. Cartilage
- B. Fins
- C. Ctenoid scales
- D. Placoid scales
- E. Gill supports