

THE OCEAN'S LARGEST SHARK!!!

WHALE SHARK

(RHINCODON TYPUS)

Where do I live?

Us whale sharks love warmer waters, so you can find us in tropical areas! A lot of my friends and family can be spotted in the Atlantic Ocean!

How big do I grow?

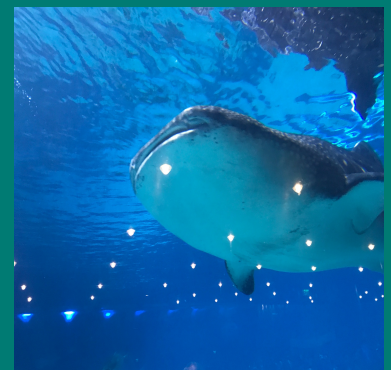
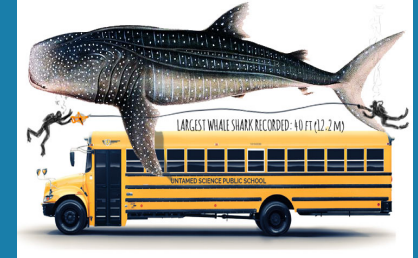
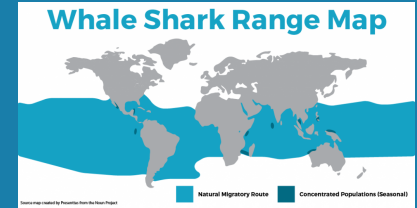
I am the largest non-bony fish in the ocean! I can grow up to 32 feet and weigh up to 20 tons! That is the size of a school bus!

What do I eat?

I am a filter feeder. That means when I get hungry, I open my mouth real wide and take a huge gulp of water! I digest whatever gets mixed in – usually smaller animals, like shrimp and plankton.

How long do I live?

I can live up to 100 years!



Target Audience: The target audience for this label is younger children who may visit a zoo or aquarium.

Purpose: The purpose of this label is to inform the children on basic facts of the whale shark.

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The remaining two photos were taken by me on a trip to the Georgia Aquarium, located in Atlanta, Georgia.