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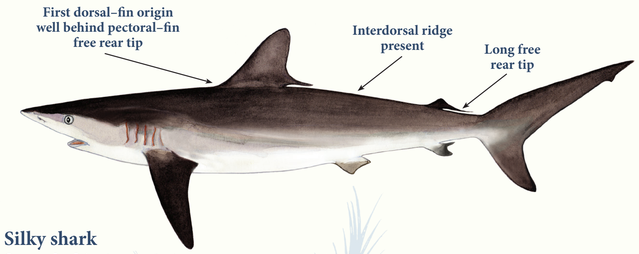
BARBADOS SHARKS AND RAYS

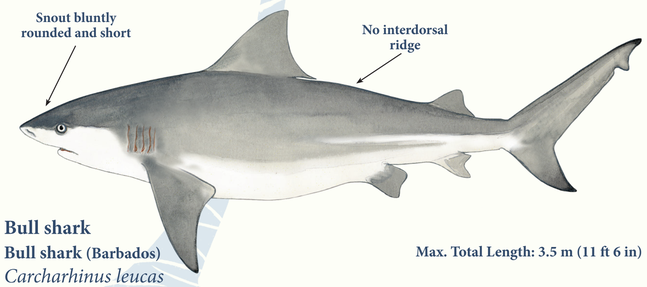


Silky shark
Smooth skin (Barbados)
Carcharhinus falciformis
Max. Total Length: 3.3 m (11 ft)

Sharks are worth more alive than dead, especially in the Caribbean!

Caribbean reef shark
Reef shark (Barbados)
Carcharhinus perezii
Max. Total Length: 3.0 m (9 ft 10 in)

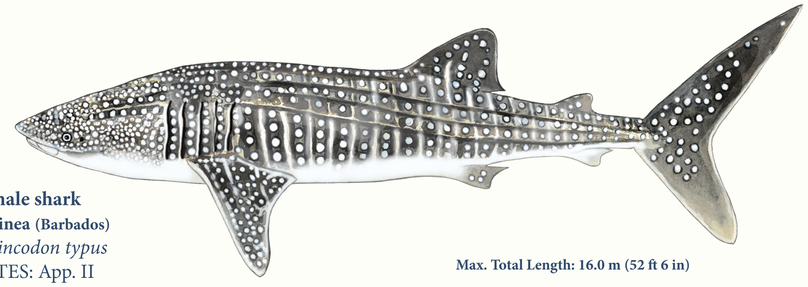
Sharks maintain balance in the marine ecosystem.



Bull shark
Bull shark (Barbados)
Carcharhinus leucas
Max. Total Length: 3.5 m (11 ft 6 in)

Spotted eagle ray
Aetobatus narinari
Max. Disc Width: 2.3 m (7 ft 6 in)

Southern stingray
Dasyatis americana
Max. Disc Width: 1.5 m (4 ft 11 in)



Whale shark
Guinea (Barbados)
Rhincodon typus
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Max. Total Length: 16.0 m (52 ft 6 in)

Oceanic white tip shark
All fin (Barbados)
Carcharhinus longimanus
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Max. Total Length: 4.0 m (13 ft 2 in)

Scalloped hammerhead
Sphyrna lewini
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Max. Total Length: 4.3 m (14 ft 1 in)

Great hammerhead
Sphyrna mokarran
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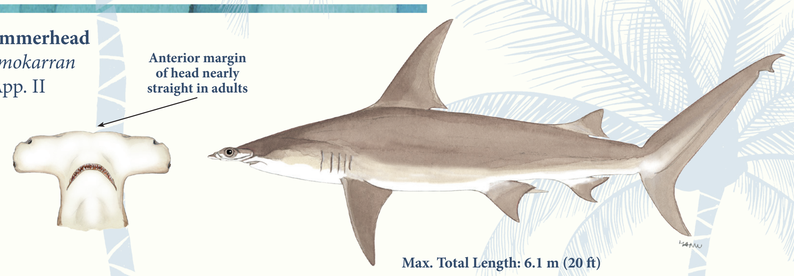

Max. Total Length: 6.1 m (20 ft)

Smooth hammerhead
Sphyrna zygaena
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Max. Total Length: 4.0 m (13 ft 2 in)

Trade in those species listed under CITES* Appendix II should be controlled and monitored to ensure utilization compatible with their survival.

*Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Manta rays
Manta spp.
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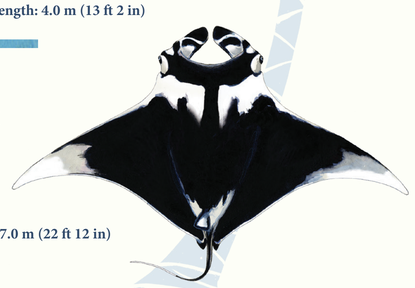
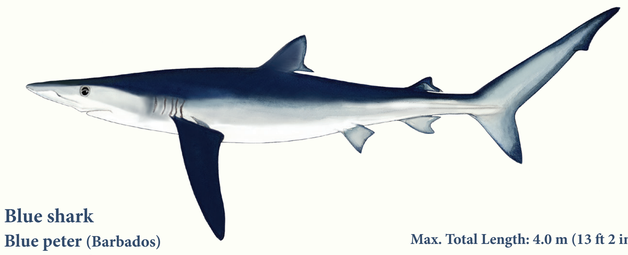


Max. Disc Width: 7.0 m (22 ft 12 in)

Shortfin mako
Lion (Barbados)
Isurus oxyrinchus
Max. Total Length: 4.0 m (13 ft 2 in)

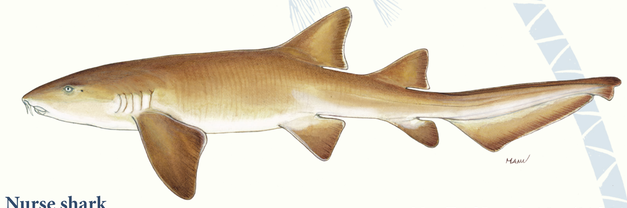
It is believed that the shortfin mako is the fastest shark in the ocean.



Blue shark
Blue peter (Barbados)
Prionace glauca
Max. Total Length: 4.0 m (13 ft 2 in)

Tiger shark
Zambezee (Barbados)
Galeocerdo cuvier
Max. Total Length: 5.5 m (18 ft 1 in)

Cuban dogfish
Spur shark (Barbados)
Squalus cubensis
Max. Total Length: 1.1 m (3 ft 8 in)



Nurse shark
Ginglymostoma cirratum
Max. Total Length: 4.3 m (14 ft 1 in)

Some of the other common shark species found in Barbados include: the longfin mako (bastard) (*Isurus paucus*), the common thresher (fox tail)(*Alopias vulpinus*) and the lemon shark (*Negaprion brevirostris*).

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