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SHARK FACTS

WHITETIP



DID YOU KNOW?

Because of buccal pumping, whitetip reef sharks do not have to move to breathe. They are often found lying motionless on the seafloor.

REEF SHARK

CONSERVATION STATUS
 Because of increased industrial fishing around coral reef areas (which includes trawl and longline fisheries), they are classified as **VULNERABLE** on the IUCN Red List

Coral bleaching due to climate change also poses a threat to their habitat.



WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Whitetip reef sharks are most commonly found in Indo-Pacific coral reefs

WHITETIP REEF SHARK (*Triacnodon obesus*)

- ▶ Whitetip reef sharks are regarded as guardian spirits, or "aumakua," in some Hawaiian traditions
- ▶ Whitetip reef sharks are small sharks that do not usually exceed 1.6 m (5.2 ft) in length

Image: Jay Clue