



## SHARK FACTS

# PELAGIC THRESHER SHARK

**CONSERVATION STATUS**  
Pelagic thresher sharks are listed as **ENDANGERED** on the IUCN Red List

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## PELAGIC THRESHER SHARK (Alopias pelagicus)

- ▶ **Diet:** Schooling fish like herring, flying fish and mackerel
- ▶ **Size:** maximum size of 365 cm (11.9 ft)
- ▶ **Reproduction:** Utilize a form of aplacental viviparity where embryos are initially nourished by a yolk sac (lecithotrophy) and then consume unfertilized eggs produced by the mother (oophagy), helping pups grow to be very large at birth (58-190 cm/5.2-6.2)

## S H A R K

### NINJA SHARK!

The pelagic thresher shark uses its long tail like a whip to stun fish



### WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Pelagic thresher sharks range includes warm and temperate offshore waters of the Pacific and Indian oceans, including the Mediterranean Sea from the surface to depths of 300m (984 ft)

