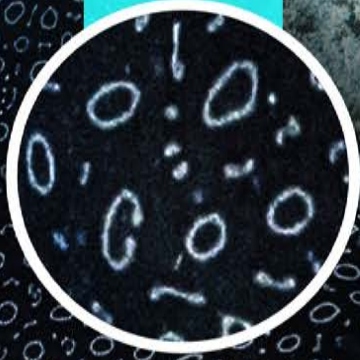




SHARK  **FACTS**

SPOTTED EAGLE RAY



Spotted eagle rays are characterized by a dark dorsal surface and

WHITE SPOTS OR RINGS

SPOTTED EAGLE RAY (*Aetobatus narinari*)

- ▶ Spotted eagle rays can be found from the surface to just over 196 feet (60 m) deep
- ▶ They are commonly observed leaping out of the water. Scientists speculate that leaping rays may be females trying to avoid unwanted male attention, or they may do it to shake off parasites or remoras

CONSERVATION STATUS
Due to bycatch and their small litter size, the spotted eagle ray is classified as **VULNERABLE** on the IUCN Red List. They are desirable in commercial trade and aquariums



WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

The spotted eagle ray is found globally in tropical regions, including the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans