



# SHARK FACTS

## WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

The blacktip reef shark is common in tropical waters of the Indian Ocean through to the central Pacific



# BLACK TIP REEF SHARK

Blacktip reef sharks use near-shore habitats and lagoons as nursery areas, making them more accessible for students or outreach. When coral reefs are not healthy, it becomes harder for this species to survive because it relies on reefs for its home.



## BLACK TIP REEF SHARK (Garcharhinus melanopterus)

- ▶ Diet: Fish, crustaceans, cephalopods, molluscs
- ▶ Size: maximum size of 180 cm (5.9 ft)
- ▶ Reproduction : viviparous with a yolk-sac placenta Litter 2- 4 pups (30-50 cm in length at birth)

Blacktip reef sharks are listed as **VULNERABLE** on the IUCN Red List largely due to overfishing

**CONSERVATION STATUS**