

MEET THE NURSE SHARK

GINGLYMOSTOMA CIRRATUM



IT IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY OBSERVED SHARKS ON CORAL AND ROCKY REEFS OF THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE EASTERN AND WESTERN ATLANTIC OCEAN!

- > THEY ARE BOTTOM DWELLING
- > CAN SUCK UP THEIR FOOD
- > ADULTS CAN BE UP TO 10 FEET (3 M) LONG



THEY HAVE 2 KNOBS ON THEIR FACE CALLED BARBELS!
THESE ARE FLESHY SENSE ORGANS THAT CONTAIN TASTE BUDS,
WHICH THEY DRAG ACROSS SAND IN SEARCH OF PREY!

- > RELATED TO THE WHALE SHARK
- > FEMALES DON'T GIVE BIRTH EVERY YEAR

THEY ARE SEVERELY UNDERRATED!



REMEMBER TO ALWAYS RESPECT THEM, THESE COUGH POTATOES ARE STILL SHARKS!