



SHORTFIN MAKO SHARK

(Isurus oxyrinchus)



They can reach estimated burst swimming speeds of 45 mph.

They are highly desired gamefish. Because of intense commercial and sport fishing, as well as bycatch, they are classified as "Endangered" on the IUCN Red List.

The Shortfin mako's common name is derived from the Maori term mako, which translated means "shark".

They are a true pelagic species, with a worldwide distribution in offshore temperate and tropical waters.

The shortfin mako has one of the largest brain:body ratios, prompting much research regarding their intelligence.

