

# Meet the Whale Shark

IT IS A SLOW-MOVING, FILTER-FEEDING CARPET SHARK!

VERY FEW SURVIVE INTO ADULTHOOD (ESTIMATED LESS THAN 10%) BUT THOSE THAT DO, MAY LIVE TO 150 YEARS



They are not whales, but the world's largest fish!



They love munching on plankton and krill!



CREDIT RON WATKINS

Rhincodon typus



CREDIT DEANO COOK

CAN GROW TO BE 40 FEET (12 METERS LONG)



FEMALE WHALE SHARKS PRODUCE EGGS THAT HATCH INSIDE OF THE MOTHER!



THOUGH THEY ARE UNDERSTUDIED, THESE GENTLE GIANTS ARE ENDANGERED!

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