



WHITETIP REEF SHARK

(Triaenodon obesus)

1. THIS SHARK GETS ITS NAME FROM THE WHITE TIPS ON THE FIRST DORSAL AND UPPER CAUDAL (TAIL) FINN.
2. THEY CAN LAY ON THE BOTTOM MOTIONLESS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME AND ARE OFTEN SEEN IN CAVES OR UNDER LEDGES PILED UP.
3. THEY ARE MOST ACTIVE AT NIGHT, FEEDING ON OCTOPUS, CRABS, LOBSTERS, SNAPPER, EELS AND PARROTFISH.
4. THE GESTATION PERIOD IS AT LEAST 5 MONTHS LONG WITH FEMALES GIVING BIRTH TO 1-5 LIVE YOUNG. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEY LIVE ABOUT 25 YEARS.
5. TIGER SHARKS AND LARGE GROUPERS ARE NATURAL PREDATORS OF THE WHITETIP REEF SHARK.

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