



PORBEAGLE

SHARK **FACTS**

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PORBEAGLE SHARK (Lamna Nasus)

- ▶ The porbeagle is a large pelagic shark species that is found in cold and temperate waters in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres
- ▶ Porbeagles can reach about 10-12 ft (3.0-3.7 m) in length
- ▶ Porbeagles are oophagous, meaning embryos feed on unfertilized eggs within the womb until they are born
- ▶ Unlike most sharks, porbeagles have a special heat-regulating organ that allows them to maintain body temperatures several degrees above water temperature. This helps them spend long periods of time in cold waters
- ▶ The biggest threat to the porbeagle is overfishing. This species was historically sought after for its meat and is currently caught as bycatch

SURFACE



Porbeagles spend most of their time either swimming at the water surface or **DIVING TO DEPTHS OF OVER 300 FT** to find food near the seafloor

300'



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