



SHARK FACTS

SHARKS4KIDS.COM

THORNY SKATE

THORNY SKATE
(*Amblyraja radiata*)

▶ The thorny skate is a relative of sharks and is found in cool, marine waters in both the Eastern and Western Atlantic Ocean. They can be found in depths ranging from 18 m to 1,400 m and water temperatures of -1.3 °C to 14 °C

▶ Thorny skates are oviparous which means they lay eggs

▶ Thorny skates have a wide diet but feed on mainly crustaceans, small bony fish, and polychaete worms

▶ The biggest threats to thorny skates are overfishing and bycatch, and they are currently listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Redlist



THORNS cover the tail and the pectoral fins of the thorny skate



Thorny skates can reach about 3-3.5 FT (100-105 CM) in length

HOW BIG?

Image: Andy Murch

