



The great hammerhead is the largest species of hammerhead shark, belonging to the family

SPHYRNIDAE

Named for their hammer shaped head known as the

CEPHALOFOIL

which they use to pin down their prey.

Their head is covered with electroreceptors called

AMPULLAE

of Lorenzini. It is like having a built-in metal detector, but instead of lost jewelry, they are finding food buried in the sand.



GREAT HAMMERHEAD SHARK

Sphyrna mokarran IUCN RedList Critically ENDANGERED

Due to the location of their eyes and S-shaped swimming pattern these sharks have



By swimming sideways their large dorsal fin increases "finspan" and helps save



Great Hammerheads average lengths of 3.5 - 4 m (11.5 - 13 ft) but can reach up to

6.1 m (20 ft)



Teeth are triangular in shape and **SERRATED** in both jaws.

DISTRIBUTION

They are found in tropical and warm temperate waters worldwide, inhabiting coastal areas and the continental shelf.

