

# GREAT HAMMERHEAD *(Sphyrna mokarran)*

The great hammerhead is the largest species of hammerhead shark, reaching up to 20 feet ( 6.1 meters) in length. Their diet includes bony fish, invertebrates, other sharks and rays. They use their large head, called the cephalofoil to pin down prey like stingrays, which are a favorite prey item of this shark.

They give birth to live young and a litter will have 6-34 pups ( baby sharks), each about 2 feet ( 60 centimeters) in length.

They are listed under CITES Appendix II protection and are classified as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List. Hammerheads are caught accidentally in other fisheries ( by-catch), but are also targeted for their fins.

