



WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

The blackmouth catshark is widely distributed in the northeastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

SHARK FACTS

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(*Galeus melastomus*)

▶ Blackmouth catsharks are opportunistic feeders, eating both bottom-dwelling and free-swimming animals. Using vision and electroreception to find food, the blackmouth catshark has been observed moving its head from side to side to more effectively utilize its senses

▶ Because of their abundance, they are often susceptible to bycatch from trawl nets and bottom longlines. However, the species population has not indicated any decline as a result

CONSERVATION STATUS

Because of their low economic value, blackmouth catsharks are not targeted by the fishing industry.

They are classified as "LEAST CONCERN" on the IUCN Red List

Blackmouth catsharks are characterized by their **BLACK MOUTH CAVITY** and **BROWN MARBLED PATTERN**