

BULL SHARK

Scientific name:
Carcharhinus leucas

Bull sharks are named for their heavyset body and broad, short snout - like a bull!

They have a special osmoregulatory adaptation allowing them to survive in brackish and fresh water. They have been found thousands of miles inland up rivers around the world, including as far north as Illinois within the Mississippi river.

Most adult females are larger than the males.

Pregnant females travel into fresh or brackish water to give birth. The juvenile sharks may spend the first few years of their lives within these nursery areas.

