



SHARK **FACTS**

SHORTFIN

MAKO

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- ▶ The shortfin mako's common name is derived from the Maori term mako, which translated means "shark"
- ▶ The shortfin mako has one of the largest brain:body ratios, prompting much research regarding their intelligence
- ▶ They are highly desired gamefish. Because of intense commercial and sport fishing, as well as bycatch, they are classified as "Endangered" on the IUCN Red List



Shortfin mako sharks are a true pelagic species, with a worldwide distribution in offshore temperate and tropical waters



HOW FAST?

They can reach estimated burst swimming

SPEEDS OF 45 mph

CONSERVATION STATUS

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