



COOKIECUTTER SHARK (*Isistius brasiliensis*)

This deep-sea shark is found in all of the world's major tropical and warm-temperate oceanic basins at a depth of 1000-3500 meters (3280-11,482 ft).

They can reach 42–56 cm (1.4-1.8 ft) in length, have a long, cylindrical body with a short, blunt snout, large eyes and a large caudal (tail) fin.

Named for their method of feeding, bite scars (look like someone used a cookie cutter) have been found on cetaceans (dolphins, sperm whales), pinnipeds (leopard seals and elephant seals) and other sharks.

They have light-producing organs called photophores found on the underside of the body. These produce a vivid green glow.

The lack of significant population threats, coupled with a worldwide distribution, has led the IUCN to assess the cookiecutter shark as of least concern.



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