



ZEBRA SHARK (*Stegostoma fasciatum*)

1. THESE SHARKS ARE ALSO KNOWN AS LEOPARD SHARKS BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BORN WITH YELLOWISH ZEBRA-LIKE STRIPES, ADULTS HAVE BROWN LEOPARD-LIKE SPOTS.
2. THESE SHARKS ARE PRIMARILY ACTIVE AT NIGHT AND CAN REST ON THE BOTTOM DURING THE DAY. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO SWIM IN ORDER TO BREATHE.
3. A VERY DISTINCT CHARACTERISTIC IS THE TAIL, WHICH IS NEARLY AS LONG AS THE BODY.
4. FEMALES LAY EGG CASES, WHICH ARE COVERED WITH HAIR-LIKE FIBERS USED TO ATTACH THEM TO A SUBSTRATE. AFTER ABOUT 6 MONTHS THE 7.9-10 INCH PUPS ARE BORN.
5. THEY USE THEIR NASAL BARBELS TO DETECT PREY IN THE SAND AND FEED ON MOLLUSKS, CRAB, SHRIMP AND FISH.

