

Listed Critically
Endangered on the
IUCN Red List

GREAT HAMMERHEAD SHARK

Scientific name:
Sphryna mokarran

Named for their hammer
shaped head which is
known as the cephalofoil.

They use their head to pin down
stingrays, a favorite prey item.

Their dorsal fin is longer than their pectoral
fins, so swimming sideways increases their
"wingspan." This allows them to swim more
efficiently (saves energy).

Largest species of hammerhead shark.
Average length of 3.5-4 m (11.5-13 ft),
but can reach up to 6.1 m (20 ft).