



SHARK FACTS

ANGELSHARK (Squatina squatina)

- ▶ They are a nocturnal bottom-dwelling shark ranging in the coastal waters of the northeastern Atlantic Ocean
- ▶ Commercial fisheries operating throughout most of its habitat has led to a steep decline in population. The species is highly vulnerable to bycatch, as well as habitat loss from the commercial fisheries
- ▶ Because of intense commercial fishing and slow reproductive rates, they are classified as "Critically Endangered" on the IUCN Red List. It is known to be locally extinct in the North Sea and most of the northern Mediterranean

DID YOU KNOW?

Angel sharks get their name from large pectoral fins that resemble arching wings, allowing them to skate along the ocean floor throughout the night

Angel sharks are ambush predators, lying on the seafloor, covered in sand, waiting for prey!

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