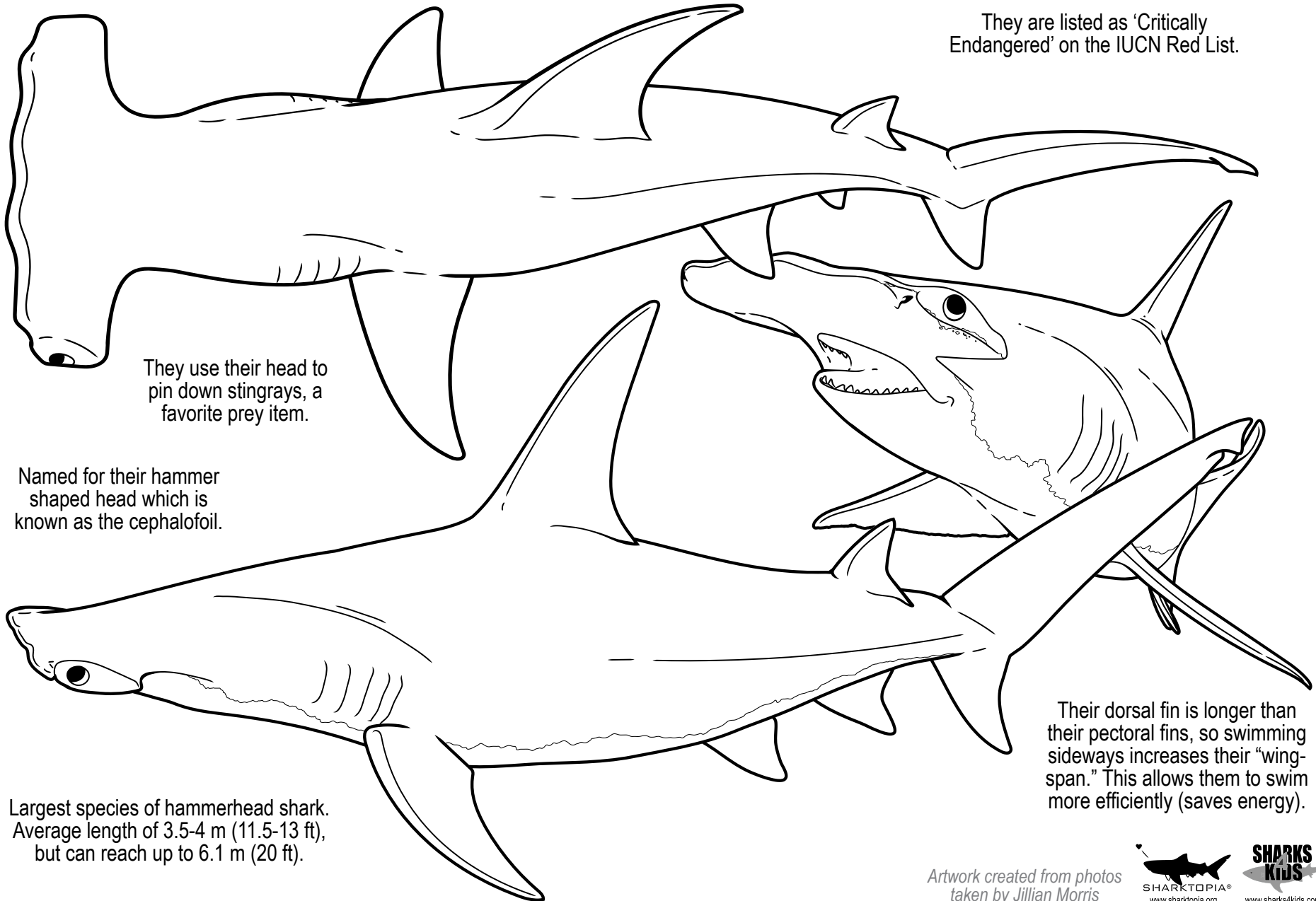


GREAT HAMMERHEAD SHARK

Scientific name: *Sphyrna mokarran*

They are listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List.



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

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

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).

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

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