

# PELAGIC THRESHER SHARK

Scientific Name: *Alopias pelagicus*

Primarily Oceanic and the smallest of the species of Thresher sharks.

Average length: 3 Meters (10 Feet)

Half of the length of this shark is from the long caudal fin (tail)!

Tail is occasionally used like a whip to stun prey!

They are also known for swimming circles around prey to condense the school, making it easier to feed upon.

These Threshers give birth to live young. The litter is primarily two "pups"; one from each uterus.

Advanced heat conserving circulatory system (Retiamirabilia) which allows their muscles to function efficiently for faster swimming in colder temperatures. Other sharks that have this include Makos and Great Whites.

IUCN Red List status = Vulnerable; and in danger of over exploitation.

