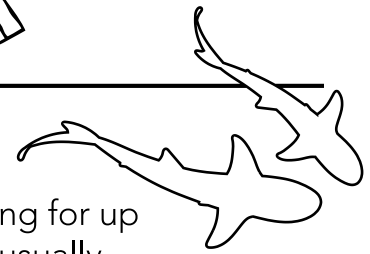
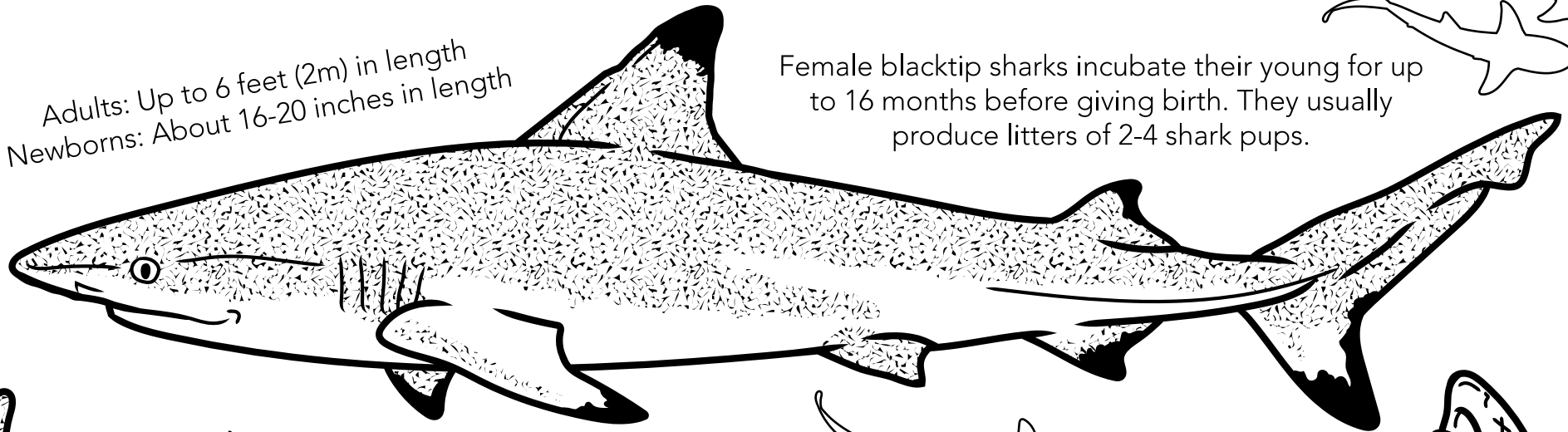


BLACKTIP REEF SHARK

Scientific name: *Carcharhinus melanopterus*

Adults: Up to 6 feet (2m) in length
Newborns: About 16-20 inches in length

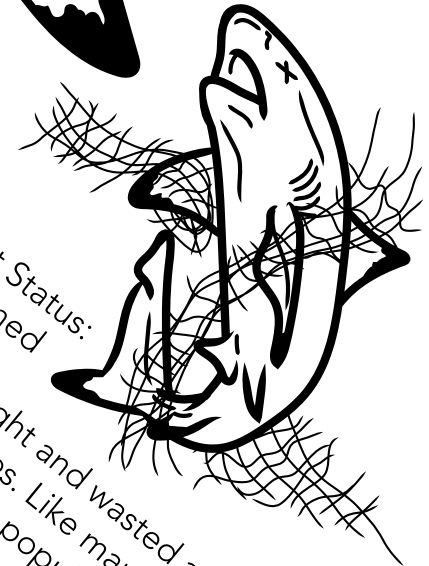
Female blacktip sharks incubate their young for up to 16 months before giving birth. They usually produce litters of 2-4 shark pups.



Most commonly encountered species of shark in tropical Indo-Pacific reefs. Researchers studying the population off Palmyra Atoll in the central Pacific found the Blacktips living there have a home range of around .21 square miles, among the smallest of any shark species.

IUCN Red List Status:
Near Threatened

Often caught and wasted as bycatch from other fisheries. Like many other species of shark, blacktip populations are declining.



The Blacktip is a species of requiem shark. It gets its name from the prominent black tips on its fins.

