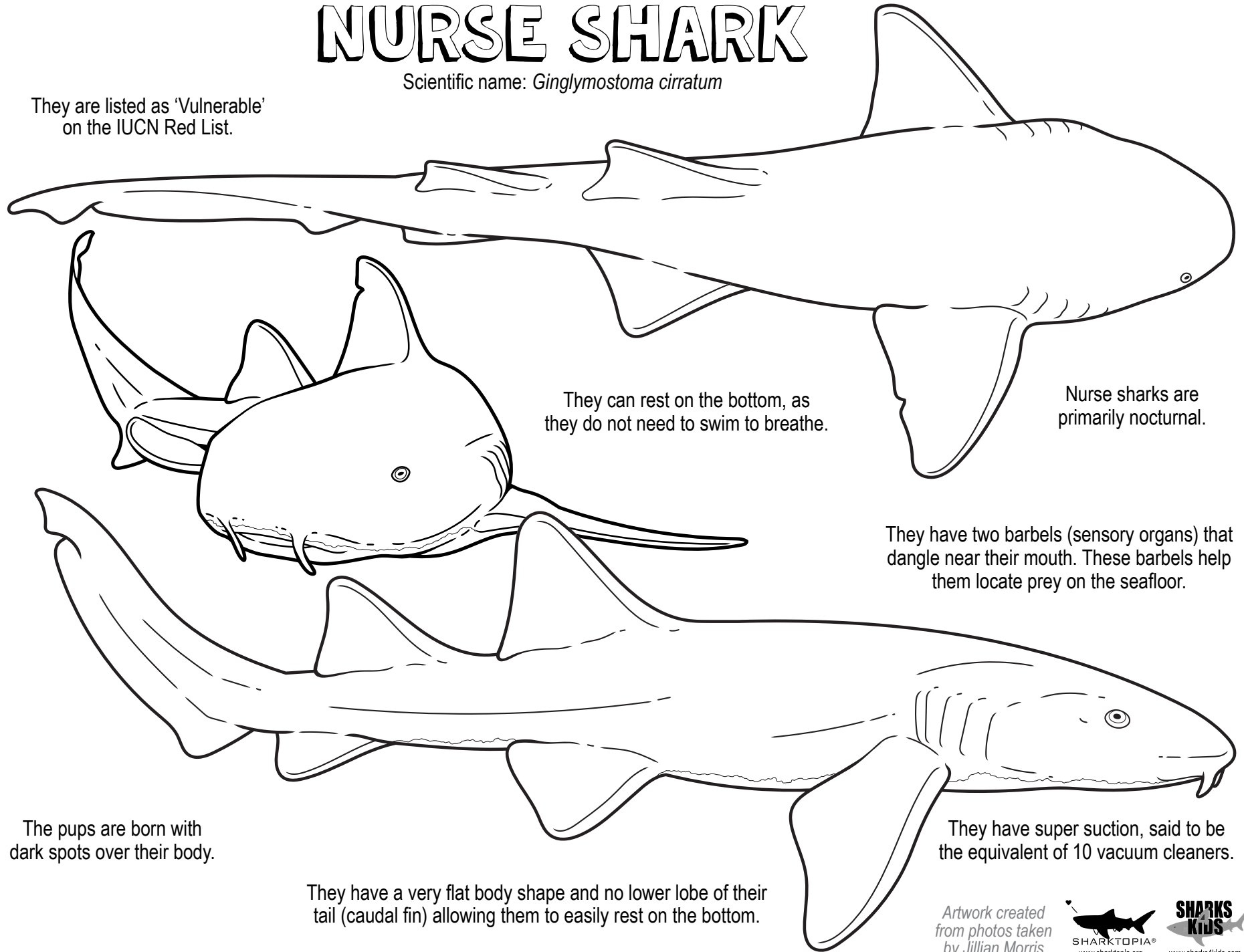


NURSE SHARK

Scientific name: *Ginglymostoma cirratum*

They are listed as 'Vulnerable'
on the IUCN Red List.



They can rest on the bottom, as
they do not need to swim to breathe.

Nurse sharks are
primarily nocturnal.

They have two barbels (sensory organs) that
dangle near their mouth. These barbels help
them locate prey on the seafloor.

The pups are born with
dark spots over their body.

They have a very flat body shape and no lower lobe of their
tail (caudal fin) allowing them to easily rest on the bottom.

They have super suction, said to be
the equivalent of 10 vacuum cleaners.

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from photos taken
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