

Bluntnose Sixgill Shark

The bluntnose sixgill shark is a cousin of the cow shark family. These sharks can be found in the same waters as the sharpnose sevengill shark. Both sharks live in deep, temperate waters at depths greater than 3,000 ft (almost 950 m).

Bluntnose sixgill sharks are viviparous, meaning they give birth to live young. They can have 22-108 pups. Bluntnose sixgill sharks can reach lengths of 18 ft (5.5 m) and weigh as much as 1,320 lbs (600 kg). The bluntnose sixgill shark has obviously six gills, a large mouth and a pronounced upper lobe on tail, but not as elegant as as the sharpnose sevengill shark.

The Bluntnose sixgill shark is sadly fished for sport.

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