

Leopard Shark

These sharks are viviparous. They can give birth to 4-29 live young. They can grow as long as 6 ft 6 in (2 m) and weigh up to 40 lbs (18 kg). Leopard Sharks are named for their leopard-like markings. Unlike leopards they are not fierce. Leopard Sharks belong to the Ground Shark group.

They are strong swimmers but mostly swim slowly in and out of bays and coastal seabeds searching for food.

They prefer easy prey such as invertebrates and fish. Sometimes other species like Smooth Hound sharks and Spiny Dogfish are in their schools, too. Leopard Sharks live along the coast from Oregon to Mexico.

Leopard Sharks are fished commercially.

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