

Silky Shark

The Silky shark has shiny, smooth skin. That is how this graceful and bold shark got its name. These sharks are not often seen by divers because they are an oceanic species. They live far out at sea in tropical waters worldwide but occasionally come inshore.

These sharks love tuna. Silkies are sometimes called “net eaters” because they’ll rip into fishing nets filled with tuna.

Silky sharks belong to the order (or group) of the Ground sharks.

The Silky shark is viviparous. They give birth to 2 to 14 pups.

Schools of young sharks live separately from the adults in nursery areas over offshore banks.

Silkies can get up to 11 ft 6 in (3.5 m) long, and weigh up to 760 lbs (346 kg).

Silky sharks are not fished for, but are sometimes caught by accident.

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