

# est *Dogfish Shark*

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**Classification:** The spiny dogfish shark is a type of fish.

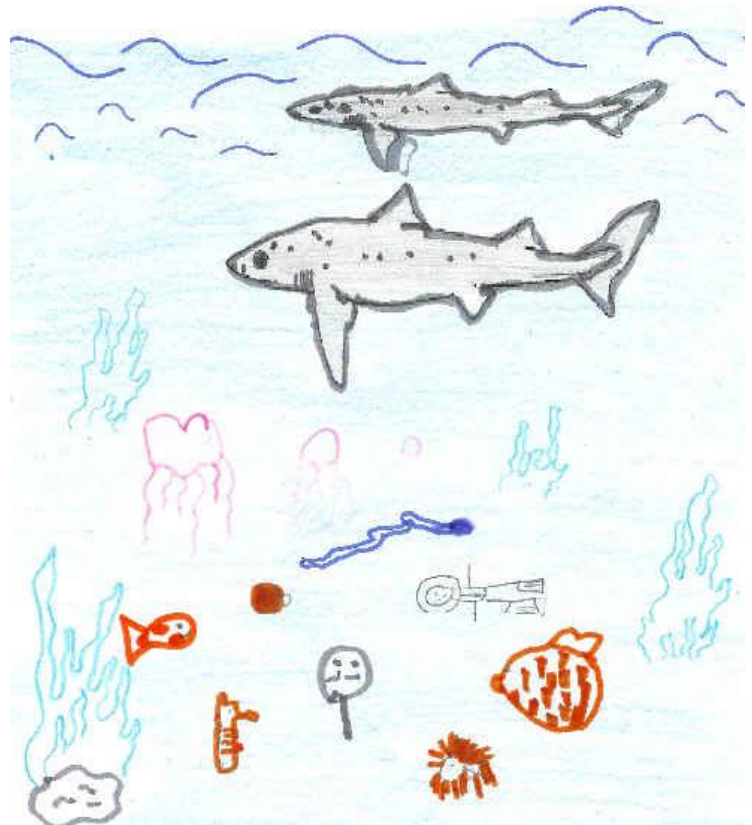
**Habitat:** The spiny dogfish shark lives in the salty water.

**Size:** Spiny dogfish shark average 3-4 feet (.9-1.2 m) long.

**Food:** It eats mostly fish (including other sharks), but also eats squid and octopus.

## Young:

The spiny dogfish shark reproduces via aplacental viviparity and bears live young. About 2-11 pups are in each litter, these pups are between 8-12 inches (20-30 cm) long. The gestation period is the longest of any vertebrate, about 18-24 months after a winter mating. This is longer than elephants or whales. Male dogfish reach maturity at 11 years old; female dogfish reach maturity at 19-20 years old.



## Facts

The Dogfish can live up to 25-100 years.

It migrates to stay in water between 45degrees F (7degreesC -15degreesF).

The spiny dogfish shark is very abundant, the most common shark alive.

Spiny Dogfish sharks are gregarious (social) and travel in school of hundreds to thousands of individuals.

They also migrate in schools, like cool waters.