

LEOPARD SHARK

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Leopard sharks have big, blobby, black spots. They also have a flattened head. A leopard shark's length can reach up to 7 feet (2.13 meters). The average size of an adult leopard shark is between 50 and 60 (120cm to 150 cm). When a baby is born its size can be between 8 and 9 inches (0.20 to 0.23 meters long). A baby shark is called a pup.



Leopard sharks eat many kinds of sea animals. They eat bat rays, fat innkeeper worms, crabs, octopus, clam siphons, shrimp, sand dabs, shiner perch, smooth hounds, and an assortment of fish eggs. Young leopard sharks are considered as prey for great white sharks and other big fish.



Leopard sharks are found in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. They are usually found in mucky or sandy coves and wide mouths of rivers close to the base of the ocean. They swim in 20 feet (6.1 meters) of water or less, but can be seen 300 feet (91.4 meters) deep. Leopard sharks are interesting creatures.