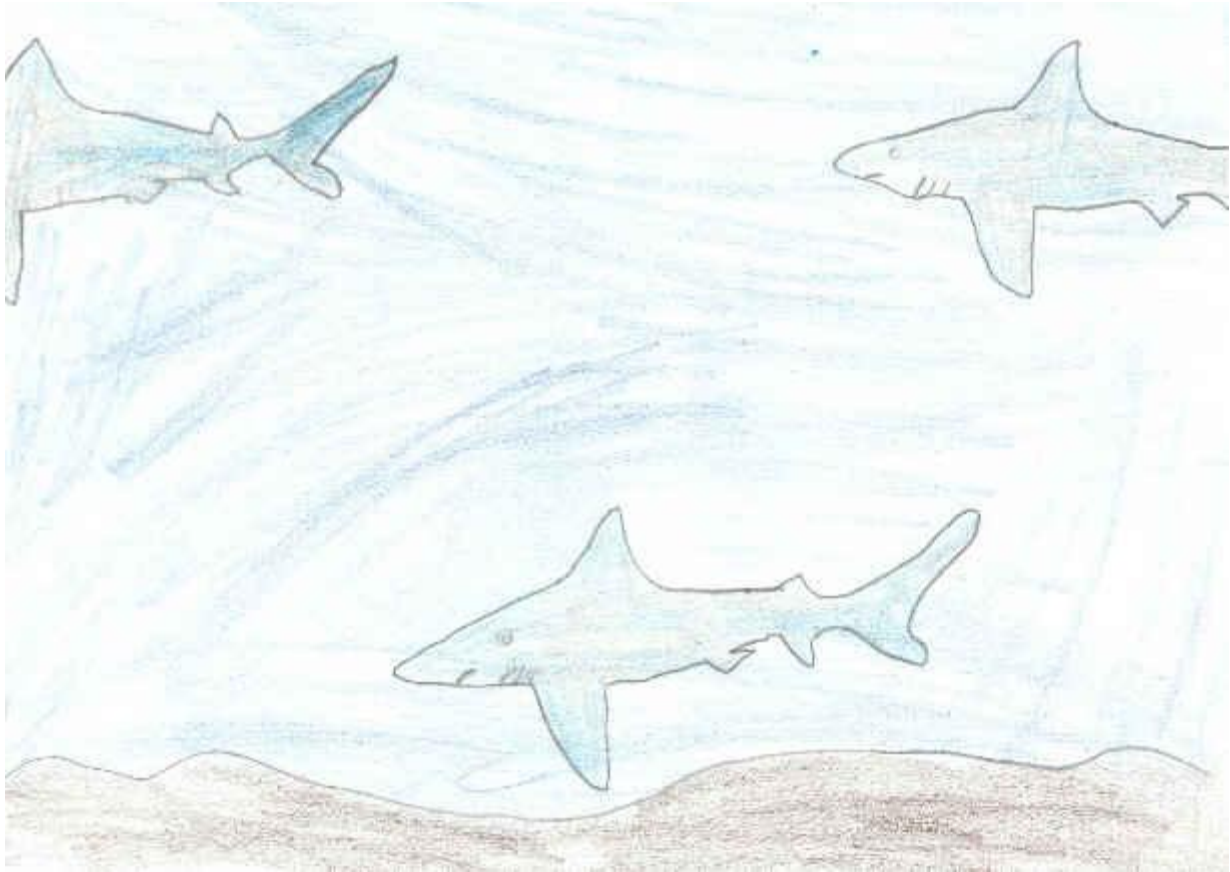


SHARK

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Sandbar sharks are one of the biggest coastal sharks in the world. The female sharks grow to be 7 to 8 feet and the males are only about 6 feet long. Sandbar sharks are bluish to brownish color with a white underside. The sandbar shark has a taller than average first dorsal fin.

Sandbar sharks eat all day but they are mostly active at night. They like to eat small fish, eels, rays, octopus, shrimp, and crab. They are very successful eaters. The sandbar shark's main predators are people. The sandbar shark is the most commonly caught shark. Some of their other predators are tiger sharks and sometimes great whites.

Sandbar sharks live in shallow coastal water. The areas that they live in are mostly muddy or sandy. Sandbar sharks are found in tropical to temperate waters worldwide.

Sandbar sharks are viviparous. Female sandbar sharks have babies every two years. They give birth to 8 to 10 pups each time. They carry their young for one year before birth.