

PROTECT THE NURSE SHARK FROM ITS GREATEST PREDITOR MAN

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- **Type:** Fish **Diet:** Carnivore
- **Average life span in captivity:** Up to 25 years **Size:** 7.5 to 9.75 ft (2.2 to 3 m)
- **Weight:** 200 to 330 lbs (90 to 150 kg)
- **Group name:** School or shoal
- **Did you know?** Nurse sharks are nocturnal and will often rest on the sea floor during the day in groups of up to 40 sharks, sometimes piled on top of each other.

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Nurse sharks are slow-moving bottom-dwellers and are, for the most part, harmless to humans. However, they can be huge—up to 14 feet (4.3 meters)—and have very strong jaws filled with thousands of tiny, serrated teeth, and will bite defensively if stepped on or bothered by divers who assume they're docile.

They use their strong jaws to crush and eat shellfish and even coral, but prefer to dine on fish, shrimp, and squid. They are gray-brown and have distinctive tail fins that can be up to one-fourth their total length. Unlike most other sharks, nurses are smooth to the touch.

Nurse sharks are found in the warm, shallow waters of the western Atlantic and eastern Pacific oceans. They are abundant throughout their range and have no special conservation status, although the closeness of their habit to human activities is putting pressure on the species.

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YOUTUBE VIDEO LINK

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgFc-TvUdwk>

Adrenaline Rush: Shark Bite Kiss

In this video, Diver Dave Marcel can be viewed as the predator and the Nurse shark is the victim.

Watch the Video and You Decide

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