

# Sharks are part of marine biodiversity, let's protect them!



## Did you know?

About 800,000 tons of Sharks are caught worldwide every year. The Shark population of western Africa has been overexploited for the past 20 years. Several species have even disappeared. During the past five years, despite an increase in fishing efforts, catches, as well as individual size, have decreased.

## Why protect them?

They are fragile species with low rates of population growth as a result of reduced fertility and slow growth rates. The disappearance of these super-predators poses a real threat to the sustainability of marine ecosystems. Eliminating Sharks implies compromising fishing yield.

