



PLANKTON PLUNDERER

BASKING SHARK

When you're the size of a fishing boat, it takes a lot of food to fill your hungry belly. The basking shark swims along with its mouth wide open like a funnel. As water flows over its gills, these bristles take out anything from fish eggs to fish eggs - all of which is swallowed.



AT A GLANCE

- **SIZE** 25-30 feet (7.5-9 meters)
- **WEIGHT** 10,000-20,000 pounds (4,500-9,000 kg)
- **DIET** Plankton, small fish, squid
- **LIFE SPAN** 50-60 years

STATS AND FACTS



MASSIVE MOUTH
The shark's mouth is as long as its body. It's so wide open that it can swallow a whole fish whole. The shark's mouth is also so wide that it can swallow a whole fish whole.

"its open mouth is so big a child could stand up in it"

AMAZING ANATOMY



HUNTER IN THE DARK

TIGER SHARK

How animals can match the tiger shark's appetite. Turtles, birds, other sharks, and even human beings, injured whales, and even seals all get gobbled down if it gets the chance. This fierce predator grows around 6 feet long at night, often venturing into estuaries and bays in search of food. It is usually alone and is perfectly at home hunting in dark and murky waters.

SHINING AROUND

A tiger shark has a long, thin, and sharp snout. The snout is covered in small, sharp teeth. The shark's mouth is also covered in small, sharp teeth. The shark's mouth is also covered in small, sharp teeth.



AT A GLANCE

- **SIZE** 10-14 feet (3-4 meters)
- **WEIGHT** 1,000-2,000 pounds (450-900 kg)
- **DIET** Fish, seals, whales, dolphins, squid, and other marine animals
- **LIFE SPAN** 20-30 years



SEEING IN THE DARK
The tiger shark has a specialized eye that allows it to see in the dark. The shark's eye is also covered in small, sharp teeth.

LEAST FUSSY EATER
The tiger shark is a voracious eater. It will eat anything that it can fit in its mouth. The shark's mouth is also covered in small, sharp teeth.



EXTENDING BLOOD VESSELS
The tiger shark has a special ability to extend its blood vessels. This allows it to see in the dark. The shark's eye is also covered in small, sharp teeth.



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