



Whale Shark

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- **Scientific Name:** Rhincodon typus
- **Features:** Whale sharks are the largest shark and they feed on plankton and travel large distances to find enough food to sustain their huge size, and to reproduce.
- **Habitat:** Whale sharks are found in all the tropical oceans of the world.
- **Threats:** Oil & gas drilling, shipping lanes etc.
- **Protection Status:**
 - **IUCN Red List:** Endangered
 - **CITES:** Appendix II
 - **Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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