

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Blacktip Reef Shark

*Carcharhinus melanopterus*

The Blacktip Reef Shark is a sleek, medium-sized shark known for the distinctive black tips on its dorsal and caudal fins. Commonly found in the shallow, clear waters of coral reefs throughout the In...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Carcharhinidae

**Habitat:** Coral reefs and shallow coastal waters

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Near Threatened

**Lifespan:** 12-15 years

**Weight:** 20-24 kg

**Scientific name:** *Carcharhinus melanopterus*

### Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance, there are no confirmed fatal attacks on humans by Blacktip Reef Sharks.
- Blacktip Reef Sharks are known to leap out of the water when excited or feeding. They are highly social and often seen in small groups patrolling reef...

### What I learned

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