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Spiny dogfish

Squalus acanthias

The spiny dogfish is a small, slender shark species widely distributed in temperate and subarctic waters around the globe. Named for the sharp, mildly venomous spines located in front of each dorsal ...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Squalidae

Habitat: Coastal and continental shelf waters, often in temperate oceans

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 20-40 years

Weight: 3-9 kg

Scientific name: *Squalus acanthias*

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, spiny dogfish have been reported to travel thousands of kilometers during seasonal migrations.
- Spiny dogfish have one of the longest gestation periods of any vertebrate, lasting up to 24 months. Unlike many other sharks, they often swim in sync...

What I learned
