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Spiny dogfish

Squalus acanthias

The spiny dogfish (Squalus acanthias) is a small, slate-grey shark of cold shelf waters, rarely over 1.2 metres, and it holds one of the longest gestations of any vertebrate: 18 to 24 months, longer …

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.
- A pregnant spiny dogfish carries her pups for up to two years, the longest gestation of any shark and longer than an elephant's. Pacific females may …

What I learned

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