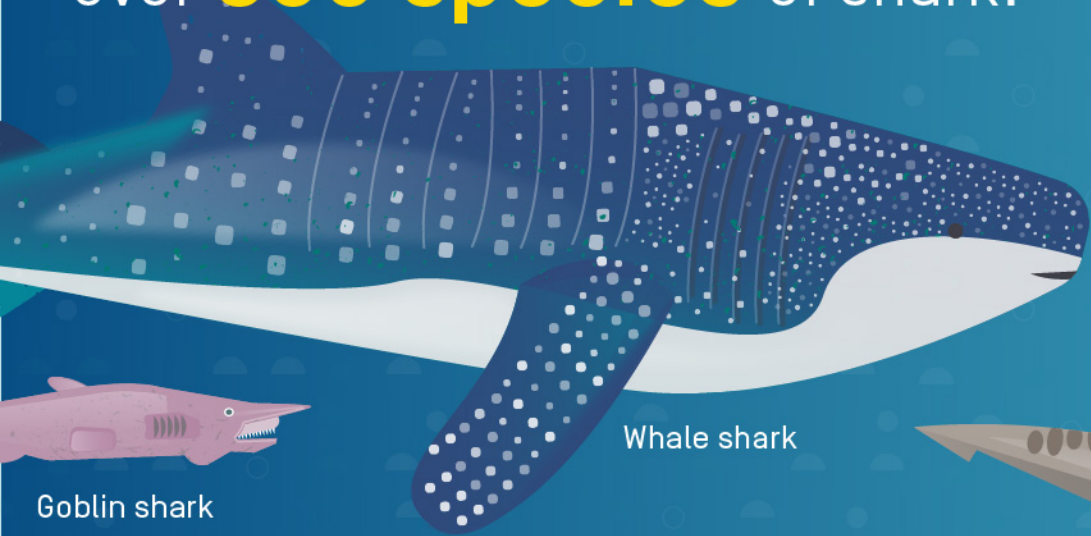


WHY ARE SHARKS IMPORTANT?

Across the world's oceans, there are over **500 species** of shark.



Whale shark

Goblin shark

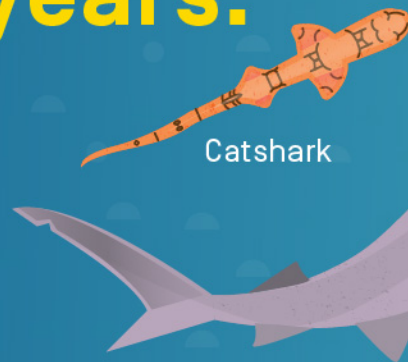
They have inhabited our oceans for over **400 million years.**



Basking shark



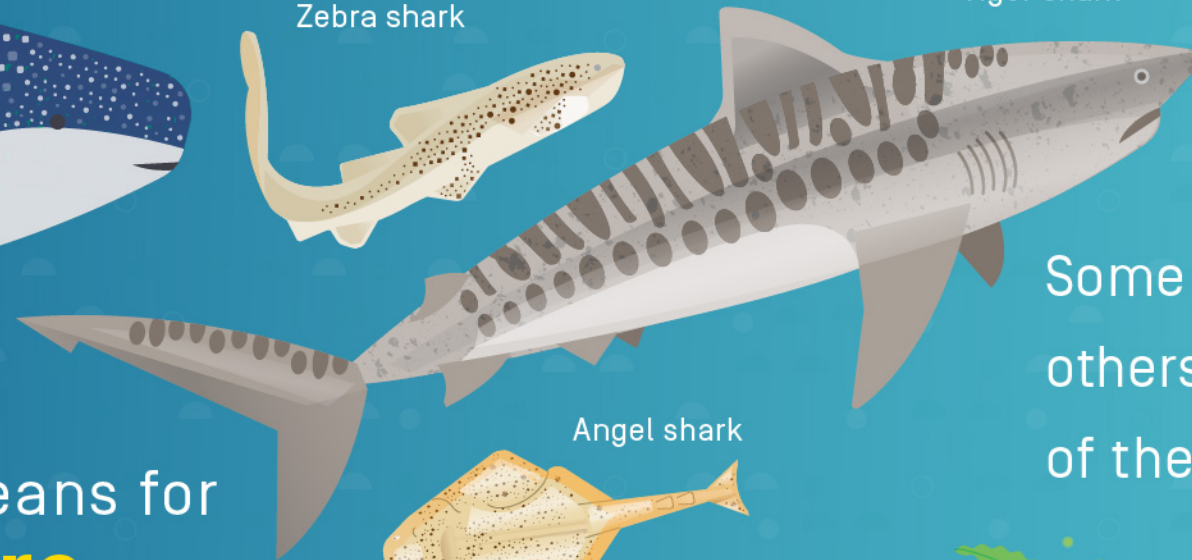
Epaulette shark



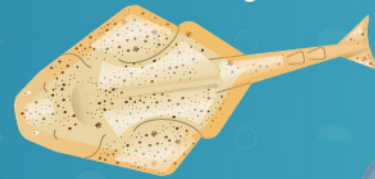
Catshark



Zebra shark



Tiger shark



Angel shark



Scalloped hammerhead

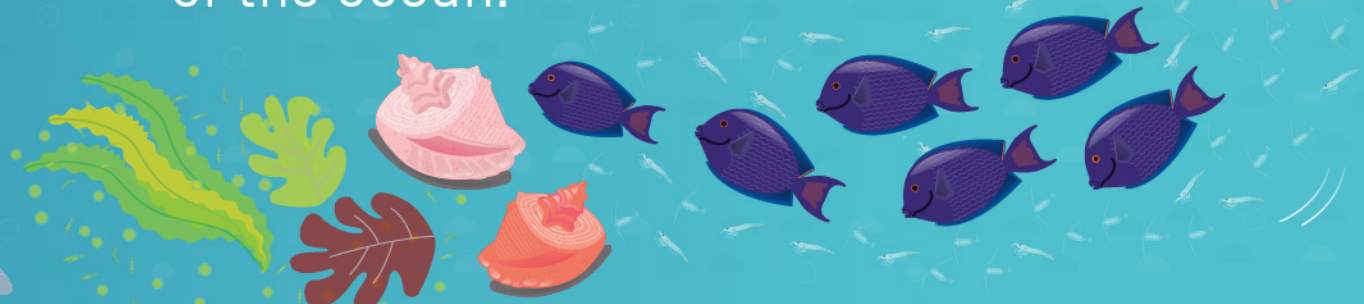


Bonnethead

Blue shark



Some are **top predators**, others are the **clean-up crew** of the ocean.



Their diverse roles are part of a balance needed for **healthy oceans.**



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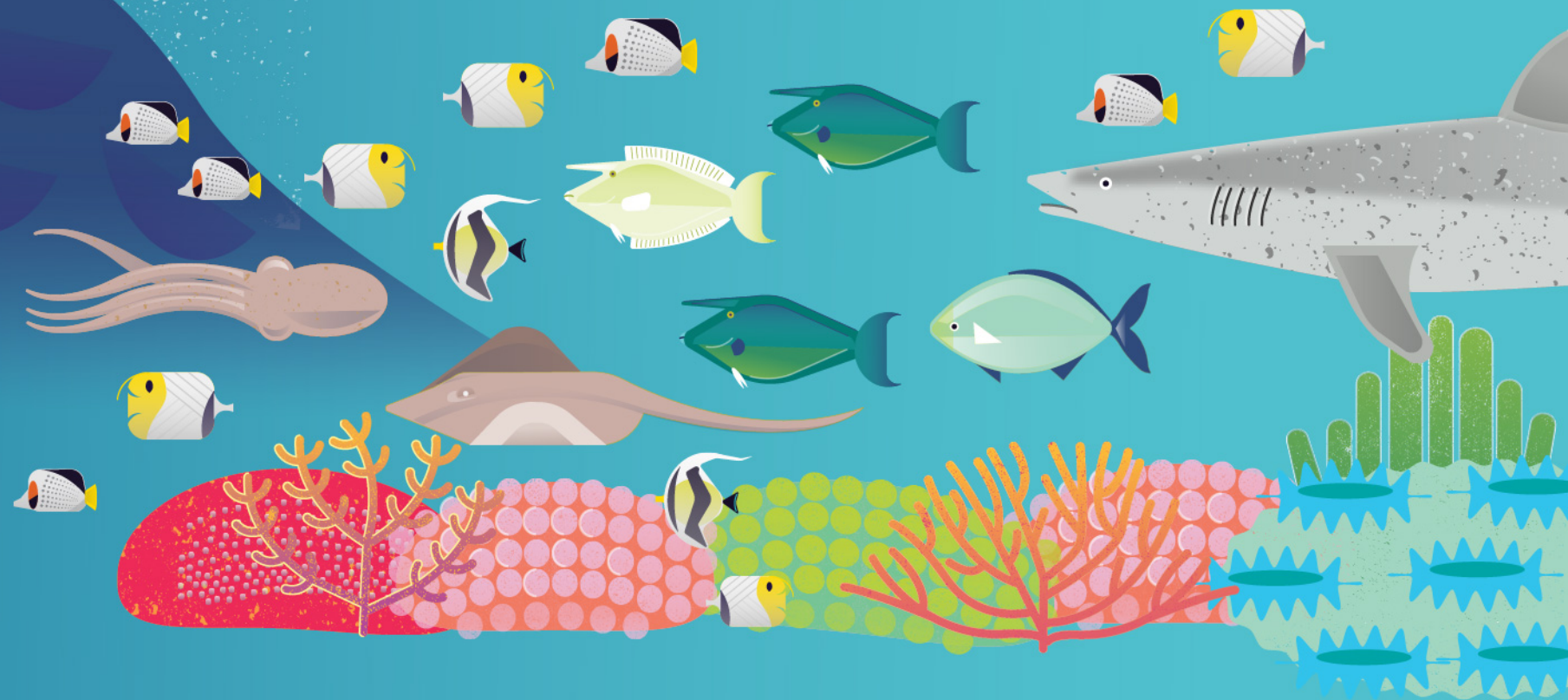


As many as **100 million** sharks may be killed every year in commercial fisheries.



Many shark populations have **declined by more than 90%**, due to overfishing, climate change and habitat loss.

Losing sharks can disrupt the **delicate ecosystem balance** that they help maintain.



Our future depends the oceans.

The ripple effects of an ocean without sharks are complex and potentially devastating.



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