WHY ARE SHARKS IMPORTANT?

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

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

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**.
Why are sharks important?

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

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.

**Our future depends the oceans.**

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