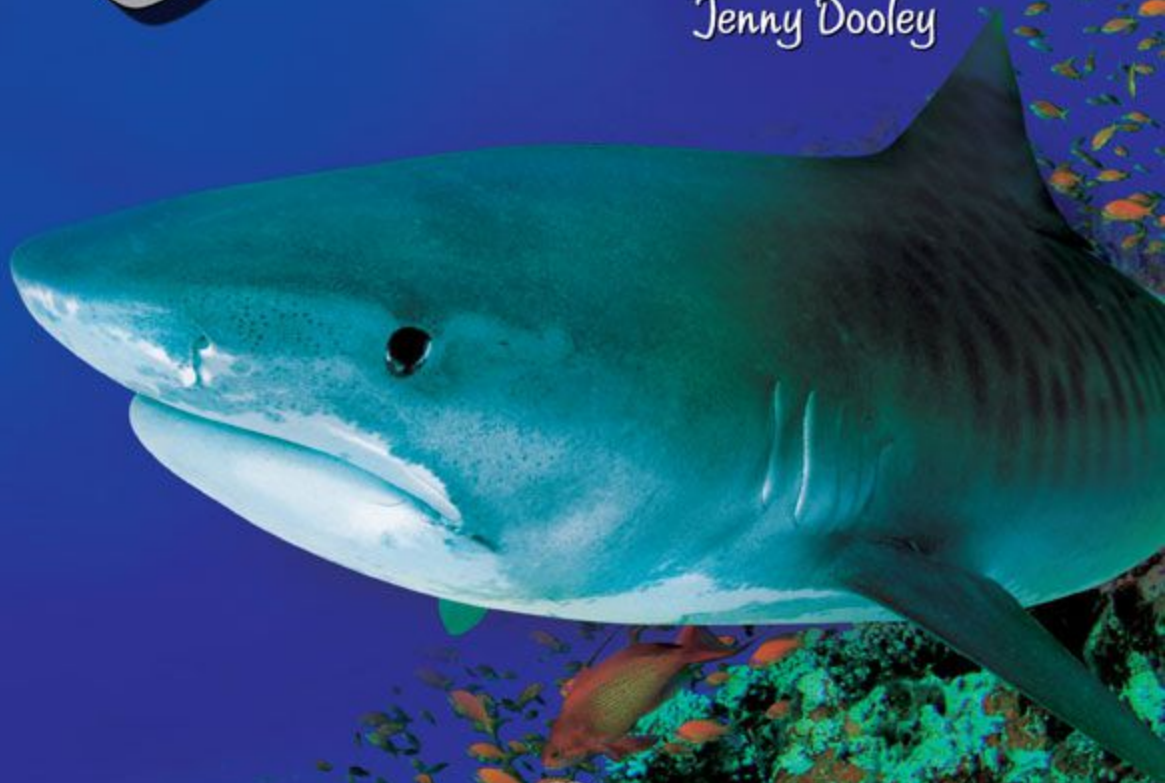


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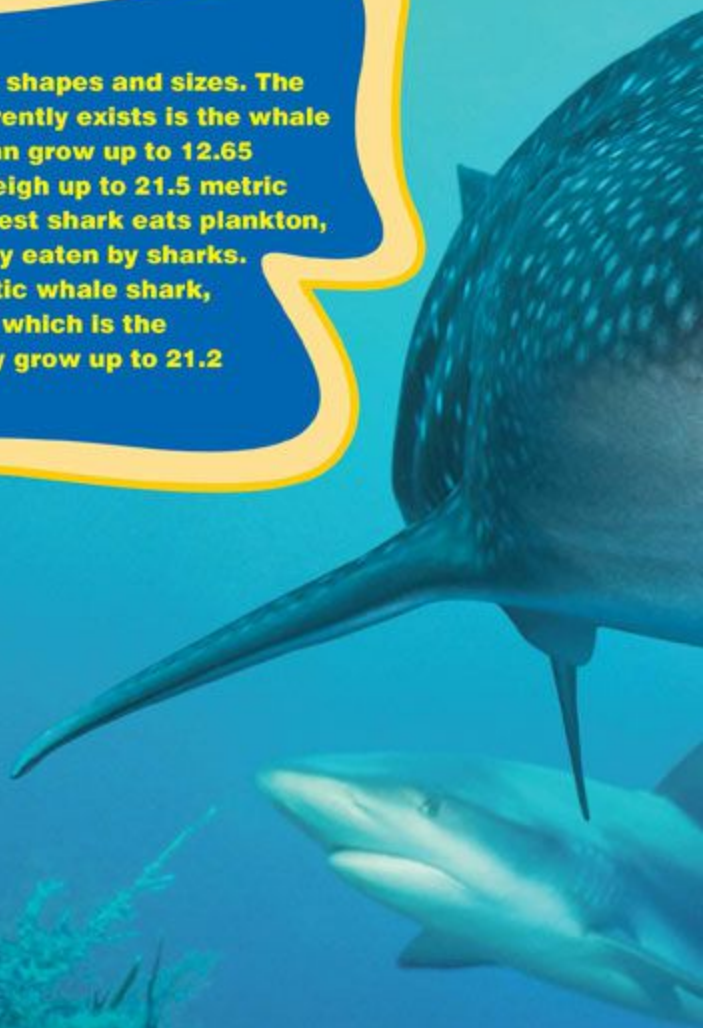
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Sharks

Sharks come in many shapes and sizes. The largest shark that currently exists is the whale shark. Whale sharks can grow up to 12.65 meters long, and can weigh up to 21.5 metric tons. Ironically, the largest shark eats plankton, the smallest form of prey eaten by sharks. In contrast to the gigantic whale shark, the dwarf lanternshark, which is the smallest shark, can only grow up to 21.2 centimeters.





A pygmy shark

Although the whale shark is currently the largest shark in the world, it is not the largest that ever lived. The megalodon was a prehistoric shark that lived from 28 to about 1.5 million years ago. These sharks probably grew to be at least 16 meters long. They may have closely resembled modern great white sharks except for the fact that they were probably three times as large as great whites. If this is true, the megalodon may have been one of the deadliest predators that ever lived on the Earth. Fortunately for today's sea creatures, the last megalodon died hundreds of thousands of years ago.

