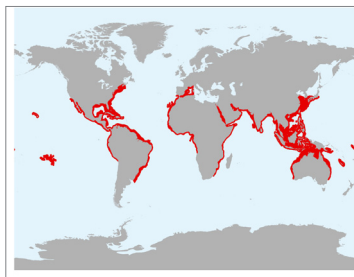




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Geographical range

Species of the Day: Scalloped Hammerhead

The **Scalloped Hammerhead**, *Sphyrna lewini*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Named for the 'scalloped' front edge of its hammer-shaped head, this large shark is found worldwide in warm temperate and tropical waters.

Adult and juvenile Scalloped Hammerheads are taken as both a target species and bycatch in a range of fisheries, with the species' habit of coming together in large schools making it particularly vulnerable to capture, and making it appear more abundant than it actually is. The fins of hammerhead sharks are highly valued, and exploitation in fisheries is largely unregulated. The life history of the Scalloped Hammerhead gives it relatively low resilience to exploitation, and significant population declines have been reported.

Management plans, monitoring programmes and fishing regulations are urgently needed throughout this shark's range. The adoption of shark finning bans by some states, regions and fisheries organizations is accelerating, and it is hoped that this will increasingly prevent the capture of this and other shark species solely for their fins.

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