

# ISRA CRITERIA

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
<p>Criterion A Vulnerability</p>	<p>Areas important to the persistence and recovery of threatened sharks. <i>(This criterion must be associated with an additional criterion.)</i></p>
<p>Criterion B Range Restricted</p>	<p>Areas holding the regular and/or predictable presence of range-restricted sharks, that are occupied year round or seasonally.</p>
<p>Criterion C Life-History</p>	<p>Areas that are important to sharks for carrying out vital functions across their life-cycle (i.e., reproduction, feeding, resting, movement, or undefined aggregations).</p>
<p>Sub-criterion C1 Reproductive Areas</p>	<p>Areas that are important for sharks to mate, give birth, lay eggs, or provide refuge and other advantages to the young.</p>
<p>Sub-criterion C2 Feeding Areas</p>	<p>Areas that are important for shark nutrition at one or more life-cycle stages.</p>
<p>Sub-criterion C3 Resting Areas</p>	<p>Areas that are important for sharks to conserve energy, often related to environmental conditions or temporal factors.</p>
<p>Sub-criterion C4 Movement</p>	<p>Areas used by sharks regularly or predictably during their movements, such as migrations, which contribute to connectivity of other functionally important areas.</p>
<p>Sub-criterion C5 Undefined Aggregations</p>	<p>Areas where an aggregation or assemblage of sharks regularly and/or predictably occur, year round or seasonally, but the function of the aggregation or assemblage is currently unknown.</p>
<p>Criterion D Special Attributes</p>	<p>Areas important for sharks considered for distinct biological, behavioral, or ecological attributes (unique or associated with a unique habitat type), or which support an important diversity of species.</p>
<p>Sub-criterion D1 Distinctiveness</p>	<p>Areas with sharks that display distinct biological, behavioral, or ecological characteristics.</p>
<p>Sub-criterion D2 Diversity</p>	<p>Areas that sustain an important diversity of sharks.</p>