

W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Widespread inshore in warm temperate and subtropical waters from the Gulf of Maine to Florida, N. Gulf of Mexico, and around the Bahamas and Bermuda. Also in S. Brazil and Argentina. Highly migratory seasonally. ^{i, v}

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 1st dorsal fin far back on body and only slightly larger or roughly equal in size to 2nd dorsal fin
- 3 2nd dorsal fin forward of anal fin
- 4 No low dermal ridge present on midline of dorsal surface between 1st and 2nd dorsal fins
- 5 Head pointed, snout flattened, with long mouth extending beyond eyes
- 6 Large teeth protrude from mouth ^{ii, iii}

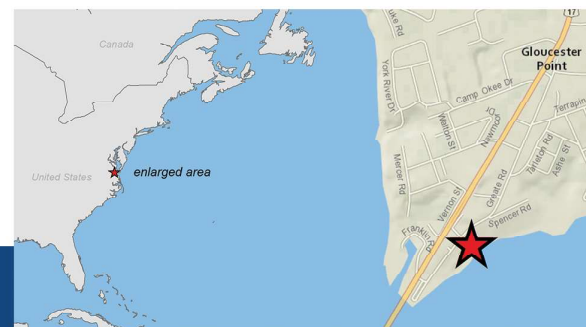
MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 9.8 feet (3.0 m) and males up to 8.4 feet (2.6 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

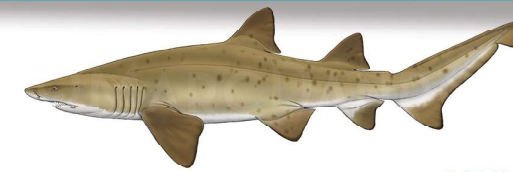
HABITAT

Inhabits coastal waters from the surf zone down to 25 m depth. May form aggregations of 20-80 individuals, typically sandy-bottom dwellers near gutters, caves, rocky reefs, or islands. May be found in shallow bays. ^{i, iii}

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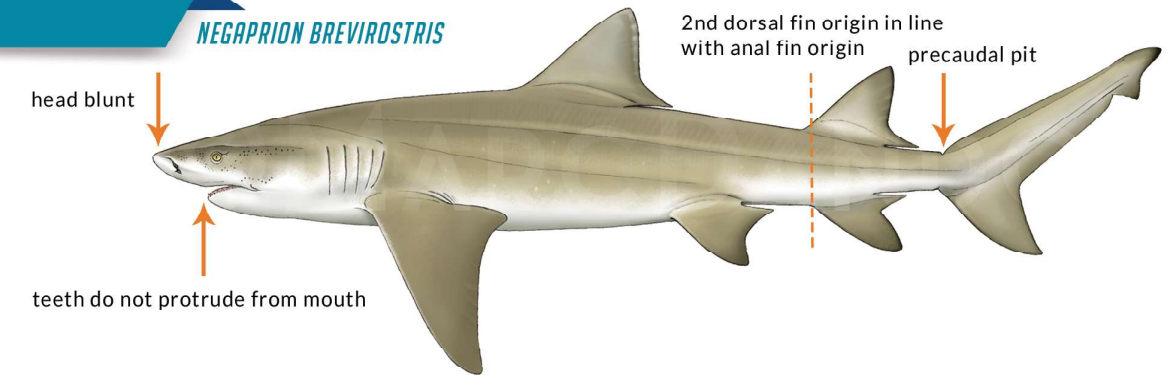
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SIMILAR SPECIES ^{III, IV}

LEMON SHARK

NEGAPRION BREVIROSTRIS



SMALLTOOTH SAND TIGER SHARK
(NOT PICTURED)

ODONTASPIS FEROX

teeth small and less robust
may have dark reddish spots

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