

**W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION**

Coastal and open ocean temperate and tropical waters from Nova Scotia to Cuba and Virgin Islands, fragmented south to Argentina. <sup>i, v</sup>

**SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS**

**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 Crescent-shaped tail
- 3 Head hammer-shaped and broadly convex
- 4 No noticeable margin at tip of snout <sup>ii, iii</sup>

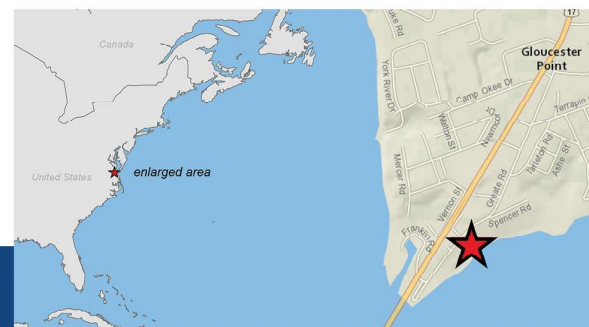
**MAXIMUM SIZE**

Females up to 10.0 feet (3.0 m) and males up to 8.4 feet (2.6 m) <sup>iii</sup>

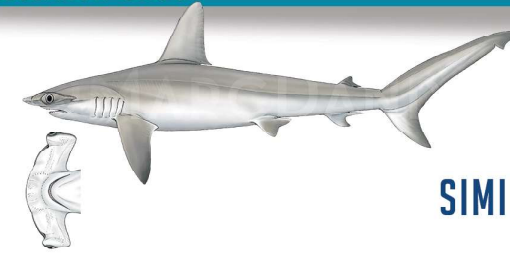
**HABITAT**

Occupies continental shelf waters down to 200 m depths, commonly found over deep reefs at shelf edges. May also penetrate fresh water. <sup>i, iii</sup>

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**SIMILAR SPECIES** <sup>III, IV</sup>

**SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD**

*S. LEWINI*

strong indentation at tip of snout, head not broadly convex

**GREAT HAMMERHEAD**

*S. MOKARRAN*

strong indentation at tip of snout, head not broadly convex

1st dorsal fin narrow, tall, strongly falcate

pelvic fin strongly falcate

**BONNETHEAD**

*S. TIBURO*

head broadly rounded, not hammer shaped

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