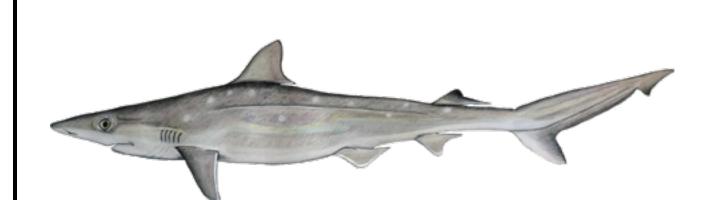
Sharks of Mississippi and Alabama

Sharks are a critical part of healthy marine ecosystems. Mississippi and Alabama are home to an incredible diversity of sharks. Below are 15 of the most common species in this region.

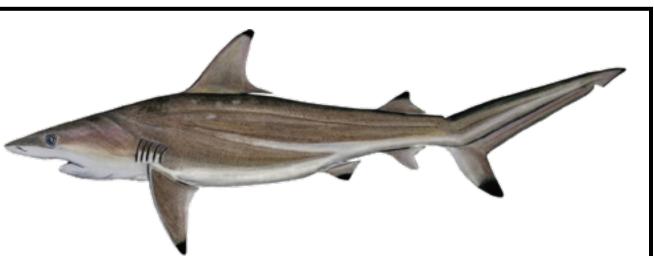


Atlantic sharpnose shark Rhizoprionodon terraenovae



Blacknose shark

Carcharhinus acronotus



Blacktip shark

Carcharhinus limbatus

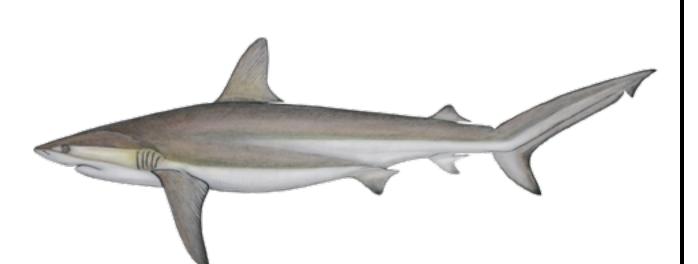


Sandbar shark
Carcharhinus plumbeus



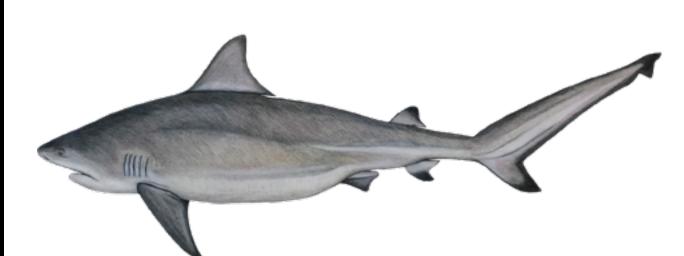
Silky shark

Carcharhinus falciformis

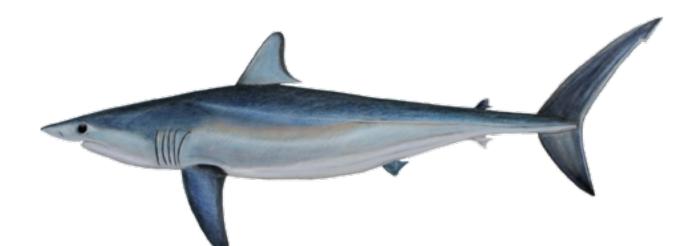


Dusky shark

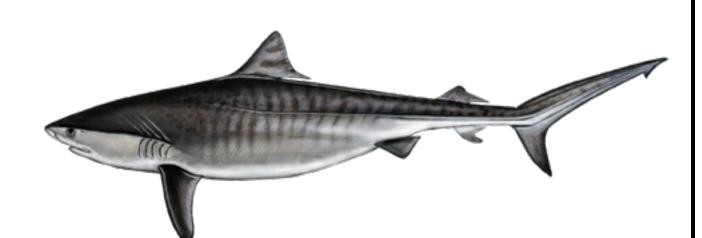
Carcharhinus obscurus



Bull shark
Carcharhinus leucas

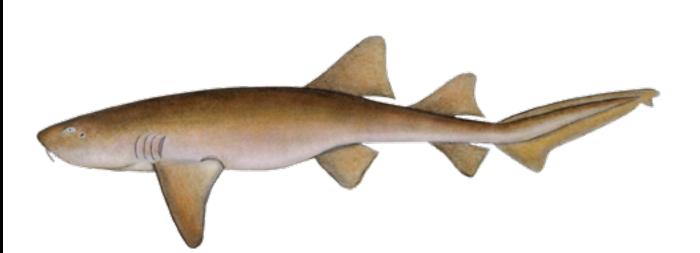


Shortfin mako Isurus oxyrinchus



Tiger shark

Galeocerdo cuvier



Nurse shark

Ginglymostoma cirratum

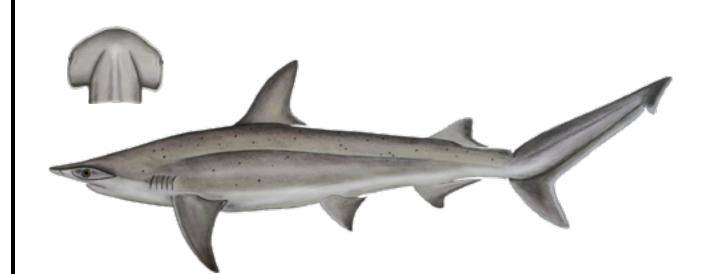


Gulper shark
Centrophorus granulosus

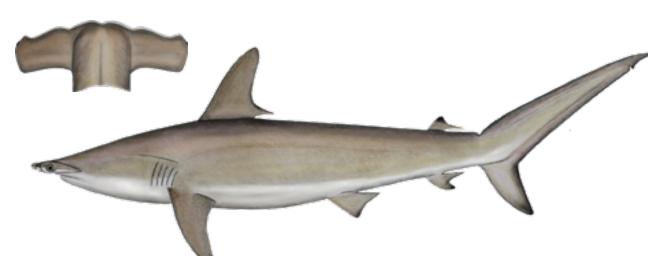


Gulf smoothound

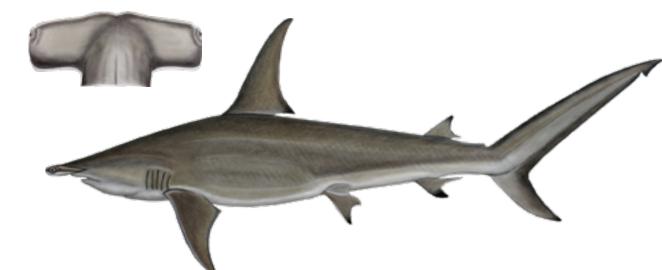
Mustelus sinusmexicanus



Bonnethead Sphyrna tiburo



Scalloped hammerhead Sphyrna lewini



Great hammerhead Sphyrna mokarran

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