

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 Dorsal ridge present
- 2 1st dorsal fin only slightly larger or roughly equal in size to 2nd dorsal fin
- 3 Low dermal ridge present on midline of dorsal surface between 1st and 2nd dorsal fins
- 4 Eyes large, oval-shaped and cat-like ^{ii, iii}

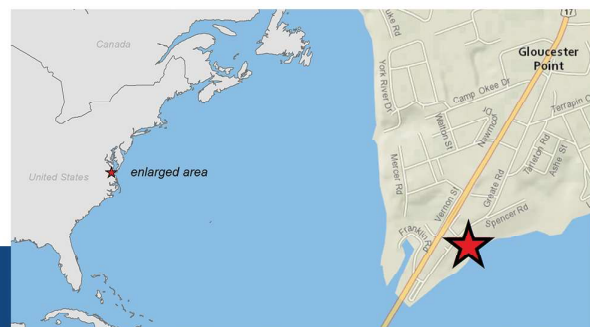
MAXIMUM SIZE

Up to 4.9 feet (1.5 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

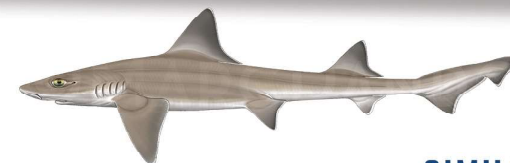
HABITAT

Common to abundant in inshore waters down to 200 m or deeper, can penetrate fresh water in sandy or muddy bays or estuaries. Avoids coral reefs. ^{i, iii}

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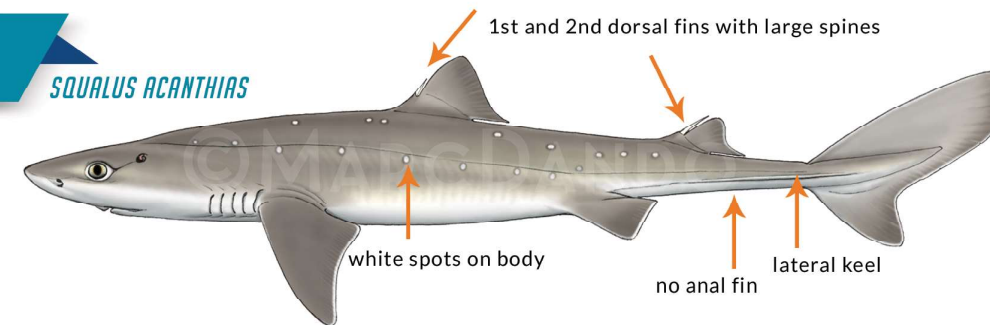
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SIMILAR SPECIES ^{iii, iv}

SPINY DOGFISH

SQUALUS ACANTHIAS



NARROW SMOOTH-HOUND

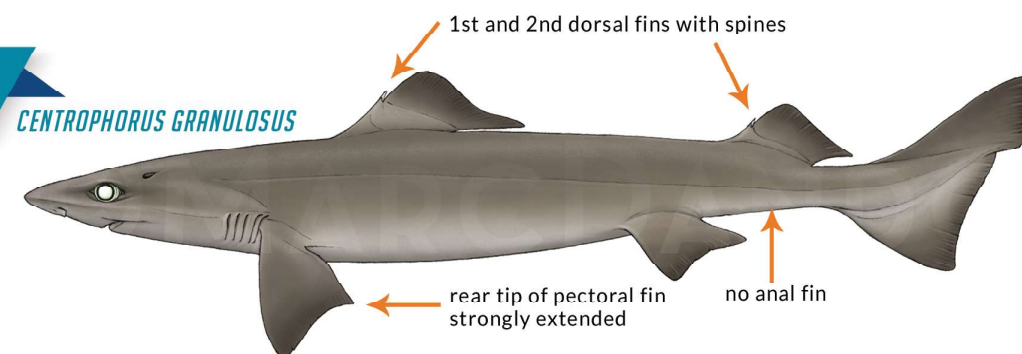
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dorsal fins and lower tail lobe terminate in a sharp point

GULPER SHARK

CENTROPHORUS GRANULOSUS



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