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BASKING SHARK



Basking Sharks are the second largest fish (and shark) on the planet. These filter feeders can open their mouths up to a metre wide.

DISTRIBUTION: Worldwide, near the surface in cold to warm waters, deep water in tropical and equatorial regions.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Cetorhinus maximus*

MAXIMUM SIZE: 12 m

DIET: Plankton

HABITAT: Mainly coastal but migrates at depth (200-1000 m) in the open ocean.

DISTRIBUTION MAP:



CONSERVATION STATUS:



Endangered