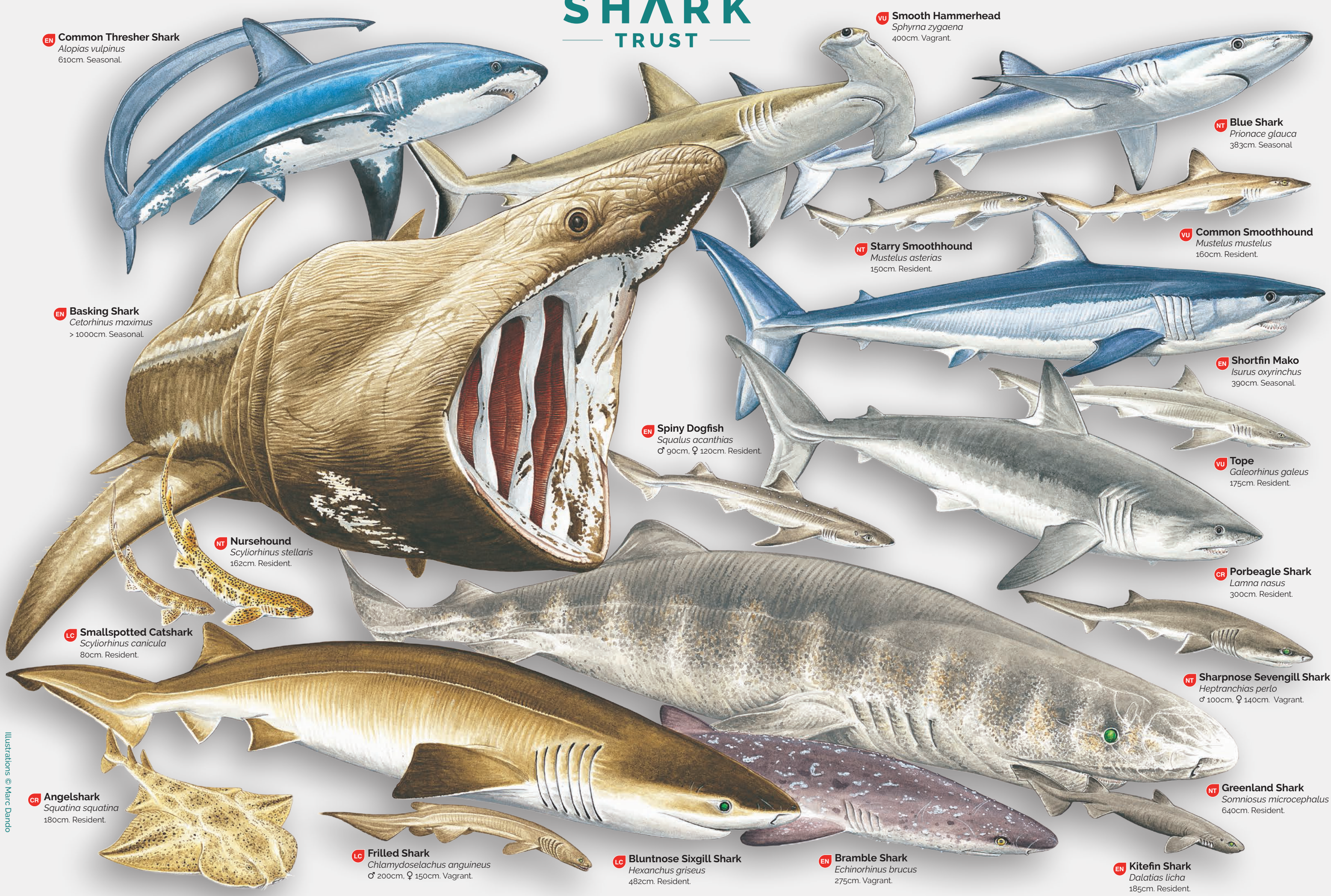


BRITISH SHARKS



CONSERVATION STATUS

Discover the conservation status of each shark by looking at the symbol next to the species name. These assessments are specific to Europe wherever possible. Where data in Europe is deficient the Global assessment has been applied. All assessments are taken from the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species:

www.iucnredlist.org

EX Extinct

EW Extinct in the Wild

CR Critically Endangered

EN Endangered

VU Vulnerable

NT Near Threatened

LC Least Concern

DD Data Deficient

NE Not Evaluated

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British waters are home to a diversity of sharks, some with outstanding traits!

- SPEED!** The Shortfin Mako is the fastest shark in the sea, recorded swimming at bursts of 46 mph. Their speed allows them to catch fast prey like tuna, bonito or swordfish.
- SIZE!** Second only to the Whale Shark, the iconic Basking Shark reaches lengths of up to 12m. They can be seen at a number of hot spots around the British Isles during the summer.
- DISTANCE!** Each year, Blue Sharks make huge Trans-Atlantic migrations, visiting the British Isles during the summer months.
- TAIL LENGTH!** The tail of the Common Thresher accounts for half the length of its entire body - on a 6m shark, that's quite substantial! Threshers use their tail like a whip to stun their prey.
- AGE!** Research has shown that Greenland Sharks could live to around 400 years old, making them the longest-lived vertebrates on the planet.
- DEPTH!** The Portuguese Dogfish can be found at depths of 3,700m, making it the deepest-living shark on record.
- BRIGHTNESS!** Some sharks, including the Velvet Belly Lanternshark, can glow in the dark - they use bioluminescence to signal to other members of their species, avoid predators or attract prey.

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