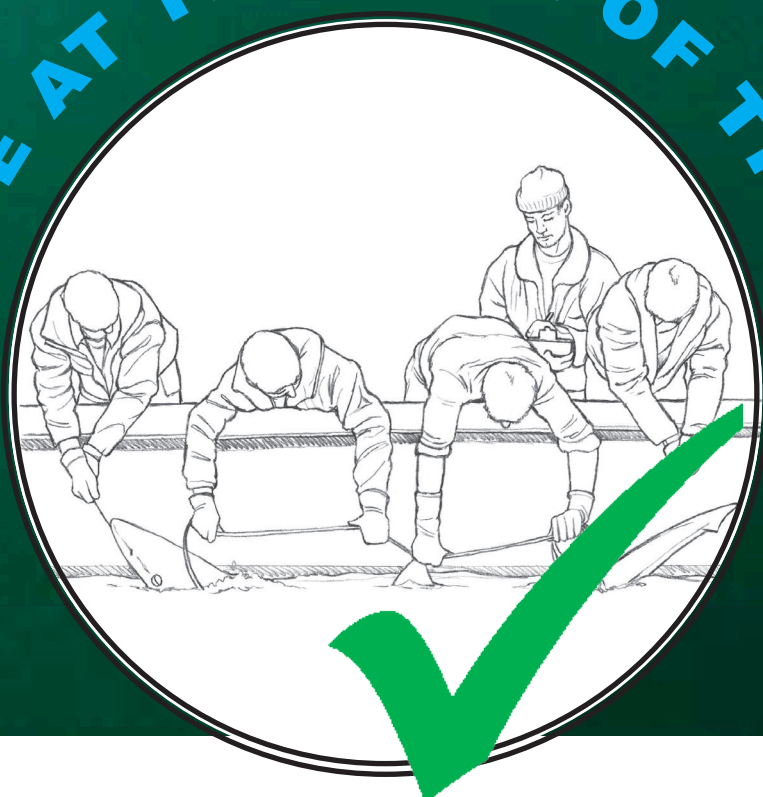


BEST PRACTICE SHARK & RAY ANGLING

RELEASE AT THE SIDE OF THE BOAT



Remove hook/gear, photograph &
RELEASE AT THE SIDE OF THE BOAT

Only in-board a shark, skate or ray if
UNAVOIDABLE

NEVER USE A GAFF

If in-boarding is unavoidable, handle with care & release as quickly & safely as possible:

SHARKS HAVE NO PROTECTIVE RIB-CAGE



SUPPORT THE STOMACH, SECURE THE TAIL



HOLD UNDER MID-BODY & BASE OF TAIL



DO NOT HOLD OR LIFT BY TAIL ALONE



AVOID HOLDING VERTICALLY OR BY GILLS



AVOID CONTACT WITH GILLS & SPIRACLES



FOR MORE ON RESPONSIBLE ANGLING:
www.sharktrust.org/anglers

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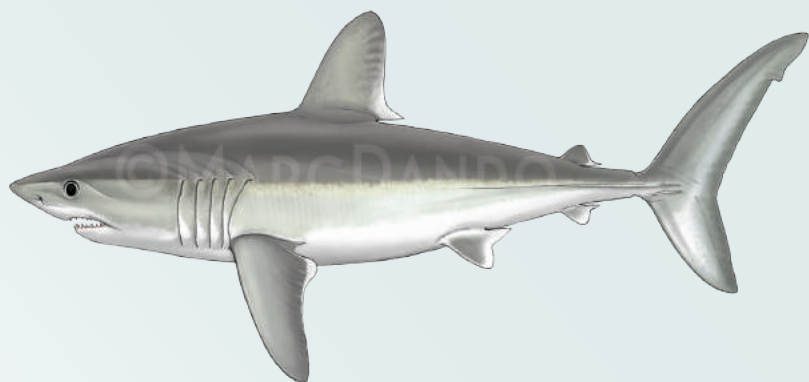


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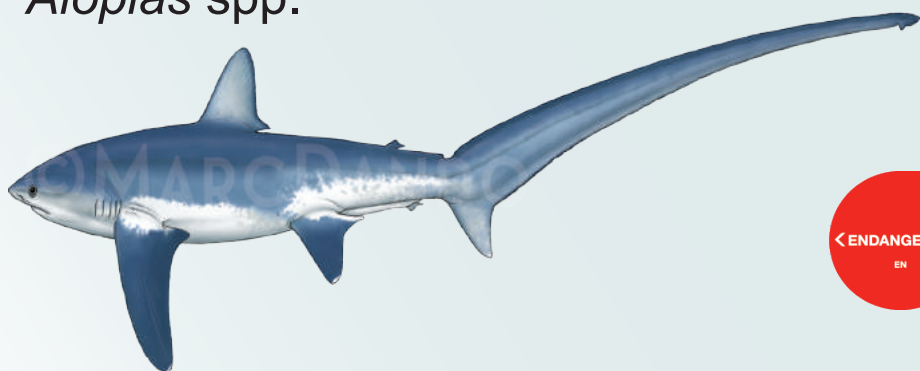
Porbeagle
Lamna nasus



X **AVOID** from March - August when females may be pregnant.

! **PROHIBITED** to **LAND** from rod & line or handline in Scotland.⁴

Thresher Shark
Alopias spp.



X **AVOID** from March - June when females may be pregnant.

Tope
Galeorhinus galeus



! **PROHIBITED** to fish other than with rod & line. Anglers fishing from boats must not land or tranship.²⁻⁴

Angelshark
Squatina squatina



White Skate
Rostroraja alba



! **PROHIBITED** to intentionally disturb, target, injure or kill within 12nm of English & Welsh coastlines.¹

! **PROHIBITED** to **LAND** from rod & line or handline in Scotland.⁴

If accidentally caught, handle with care, release as safely & quickly as possible, minimising the impact on the animal.



1. Section 5, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
2. Tope (Prohibition of Fishing Order) 2008.
3. Tope (Prohibition of Fishing Order) (Wales) 2008.
4. Sharks, Skates and Rays (Prohibition of Fishing, Transhipment and Landing) (Scotland) Order 2012.

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: European assessments listed where available.