

Angel Shark

They have extensible jaws with long, needle-like teeth. They quickly snap upwards to capture prey. Angel sharks are specialised for a kind of predation which is unusual for sharks.

An angel shark is a species of cartilaginous fish in the genus *Squatina*. They have flattened bodies and wide pectoral fins, which make them look similar to rays.



Most species of Angel sharks are in shallow temperate of water or tropical seas, but one species is found in deeper water, down to 1,300 metres.

Pacific angel sharks are not generally considered dangerous, but they have been known to bite SCUBA divers when provoked. Their habit of remaining perfectly still makes them easy to touch, and divers sometimes grab them.



Angel sharks are considered Critically Endangered, primarily due to being caught as bycatch in trawl and setnet fisheries.