

# California Inshore Sharks

Take a look at our California Inshore Sharks!  
This tank is **800** gallons and houses **3**  
species:

- **Horn Shark**  
(*Heterodontus francisci*)
- **Swell Shark**  
(*Cephaloscyllium ventriosum*)
- **Giant Sea Bass**  
(*Stereolepis gigas*)



Did you know?

The **Giant Sea Bass**  
can live up to 75 years,  
growing to over 7 feet  
long and more than  
500 pounds!

These local shark species are typically  
found in shallow kelp forests, often  
hiding in shadowed caves and crevices.



**Horn Sharks** are named for the sharp spines on their dorsal fins, which puncture the mouths of their predators. These sharks have two types of teeth: a jagged set in the front to capture prey and molars in the back to crunch. They can live up to 25 years and grow up to four feet long.

**Swell Sharks** are named for their unique reaction to danger. When threatened, they curve their body into a circle and puff up with water, swelling to double their size. This makes it difficult for a predator to bite or swallow them! Swell sharks use their sharp vision and smell to hunt at night for small crustaceans.





# Spotlight On Conservation!

**Sharks** are the apex predators of coral reefs, open oceans, and coastal ecosystems. They help maintain population balance within their communities and play a key role in nutrient cycling.

However, shark populations have rapidly declined due to overfishing, bycatch, and climate change. Many shark species live long lives and do not reach reproductive age for many years, sometimes decades. This means that the loss of just a few individuals has a massive long term impact. Get involved below!



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