

Wednesday 15th July

Retrieval

Today's task looks at two of the sharks mentioned by Steve Backshall. Read the information and then answer the questions below.

<https://sharkfactsforkids.weebly.com/lemon-shark.html>

Lemon Shark

Habitat: coral, docks, sand, and river mouths

Location: west Atlantic, northeastern Atlantic, central and eastern Pacific

Size: range between 8-10 feet

Description: Lemon sharks are a pale-yellow brown color, and they live in schools of 1-20. In addition, they can rest on the bottom, and as the shark grows in size their territory becomes increases. These sharks can be aggressive if provoked.

Diet: fish, crustaceans, and mollusks

Feeding Habits: hunt during dawn and dusk

Offspring: 4-17 pups per litter

Lifespan: 25 years

Status: Near Threatened

Threatened by: habitat destruction, and bycatch



Zebra Shark

Habitat: coral reefs, lagoons, rock beds, and channels

Location: Indo-west Pacific

Size: range between 6.5-11.5 feet long

Description: Zebra sharks were given this name because when younger that display dark strips. These animals live alone, and spend a majority of the day resting on the bottom.

Diet: mollusks, crustaceans, sea snakes, and bony fish

Feeding Habits: strong swimmers, nocturnal

Offspring: 2-7 eggs per litter

Lifespan: 25-33 years

Status: Vulnerable

Threatened by: habitat destruction and fishing



1. Which shark is believed to live the longest?
2. Compare the habitats of the two sharks. How are they similar and how are they different?
3. From the information provided, which of the two sharks is the most dangerous?
4. Using the scale provided, which shark is the most endangered (meaning in danger of extinction)?



5. What is the same about how the sharks are threatened?

Answers

1. Which shark is believed to live the longest? **Zebra Shark 25 – 33 years**
2. Compare the habitats of the two sharks. How are they similar and how are they different? **Both sharks can be found around coral.**
3. From the information provided, which of the two sharks is the most dangerous? **Lemon sharks are described as being 'aggressive if provoked'.**
4. Using the scale provided, which shark is the most endangered (meaning in danger of extinction)?



Tiger Sharks are vulnerable and Lemon Sharks are Near Threatened so using the scale the Tiger Sharks are in more danger and Lemon Sharks are closer to Least Concern.

5. What is the same about how the sharks are threatened? **Both sharks are threatened by fishing and habitat damage/destruction.**