

W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Coastal and open ocean temperate and tropical waters from Nova Scotia to Cuba and Virgin Islands, fragmented south to Argentina. ^{i, v}

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 Crescent-shaped tail
- 3 Head hammer-shaped and broadly convex
- 4 No noticeable margin at tip of snout ^{ii, iii}

MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 10.0 feet (3.0 m) and males up to 8.4 feet (2.6 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

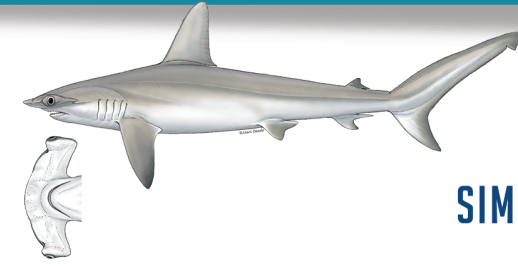
HABITAT

Occupies continental shelf waters down to 200 m depths, commonly found over deep reefs at shelf edges. May also penetrate fresh water. ^{i, iii}

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SIMILAR SPECIES ^{III, IV}

SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD

S. LEWINI

strong indentation at tip of snout, head not broadly convex

GREAT HAMMERHEAD

S. MOKARRAN

strong indentation at tip of snout, head not broadly convex

1st dorsal fin narrow, tall, strongly falcate

pelvic fin strongly falcate

BONNETHEAD

S. TIBURO

head broadly rounded, not hammer shaped

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