



My Shark Tracker

Have you ever wondered what a shark is doing *right now?* At this very moment, sharks all over the world are swimming, sleeping, eating, and hiding. Sharks are essential to keeping our oceans balanced and healthy.

Our future depends on healthy oceans, and so our future depends on sharks. Scientists are working to collect important information about sharks and where they travel using special tags that send information, or *pings*, every time a shark's fin breaks the surface. The more we know about sharks, the better we can protect them.

You can be a shark tracker, too! With an adult's permission, visit Ocearch Shark Tracker at <u>www.ocearch.org/tracker</u> or download the app and choose a shark to follow. Then, use the worksheet below to learn more about your shark.

Shark's name: ______

Shark species (what kind of shark is it?):

Life stage (how old is it?), circle one:

Young of year

Juvenile

Sub-adult

Adult

Draw your shark:



Track your shark

- 1. Where does your shark swim? Color the areas that your shark has traveled on the map below.
- 2. Under "Filter Track By," check where your shark was all year, for a week, or on your birthday.
- 3. Check in on your shark! Where is it next week, or next month?



What is your wish for this shark?

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