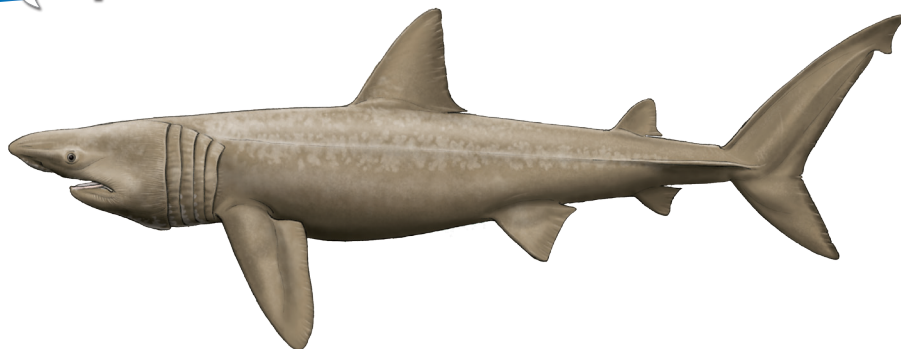


Basking Shark



Latin Name: *Cetorhinus maximus*

Appearance: Grey/brown/blue. Max length 12m. They are the second biggest shark in the world!

Diet: Plankton - copepods, fish eggs & larvae.

Habitat: Close to shore in summer months. Found from the surface to 1,264m deep. Prefer waters 8-14°C but can tolerate 24 °C.

Distribution: Worldwide in temperate waters, including British Isles.

Reproduction: Estimates of pregnancy range between 1-3.5 years. Pups are thought to be 100-170cm in length.

IUCN Redlist Status: **Vulnerable** (high risk of extinction).

Fun Facts:

This gentle giant is the largest fish in British waters! It remains a mystery where these sharks go in winter.

Basking Sharks are also called Bone Sharks & Elephant Sharks.