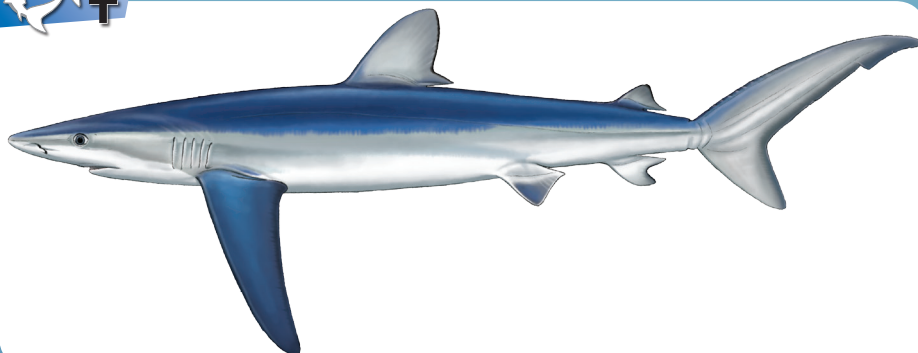


Blue Shark



- Latin Name:** *Prionace glauca*
- Appearance:** Dark blue with white underside. Max length 383cm. Large pectoral (side) fins.
- Diet:** Fish, squid, other sharks & even seabirds.
- Habitat:** Open ocean. Found from the surface to 600m deep. Prefers waters 12-20°C but can tolerate 8-30°C.
- Distribution:** Wide ranging in temperate & tropical waters, including the British Isles.
- Reproduction:** Litters of 4-135 pups! Average litters 35 pups. Pups remain in inshore nurseries for the first few years of life.
- IUCN Redlist Status:** **Near Threatened** (likely to become Threatened).

Fun Facts:

This dazzling metallic blue shark undertakes long-distance migrations. A single shark will likely travel tens of thousands of miles in their life.

Blue Sharks are also called Blue Dogs or Blue Whalers.