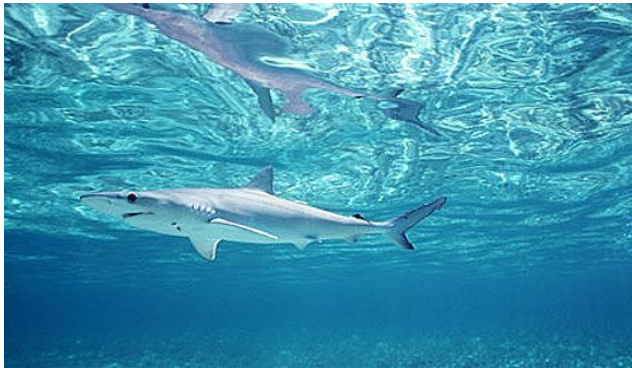


Fish Species of the Month

April 2017

Atlantic Sharpnose Shark (*Rhizoprionodon terraenovae*)



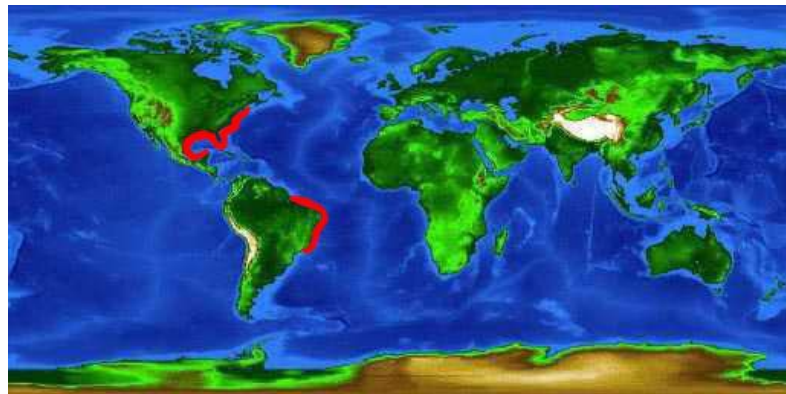
The Atlantic Sharpnose Shark is a small streamlined shark with a pointed snout. The shark is usually grey in color and on average weighs 15 pounds. This shark on average can reach up to 3 feet in length. The Atlantic Sharpnose Shark does come in contact with humans, but are not considered to be a lethal threat. ¹

Diet

Small Fish

Location

Atlantic sharpnose sharks are found in the western Atlantic from New Brunswick, Canada south to the Gulf of Mexico, and in the Southwest Atlantic along the coasts of Brazil in waters ranging from 10-280 m deep at 47°N-33°S. These sharks prefer subtropical waters near continental shelves from the intertidal zone out to deeper waters. They are often found near the surf zone of sandy beaches and in enclosed bays, sounds, harbors, estuaries, and river mouths. This shark is able to tolerate lower salinity levels but, they do not venture into freshwater like bull sharks. - <http://marinebio.org/species.asp?id=372>



¹ Pictures: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/discover/species-profiles/rhizoprionodon-terraenovae>