

## Protected Species in Our Waters

These marine wildlife species can be found in our local waters. They are protected under the Wildlife Act and Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). If caught, do release them promptly. These animals are important to our ecosystem. Please play your part and help to conserve our native biodiversity.



**Basking Shark**  
(*Cetorhinus maximus*)



**Devil Rays**  
(*Mobula* species)



**Giant Guitarfishes**  
(*Glaucostegus* spp.)



**Great White Shark**  
(*Carcharodon carcharias*)



**Great Hammerhead Shark**  
(*Sphyrna mokarran*)

**Smooth Hammerhead Shark**  
(*Sphyrna zygaena*)

**Scalloped Hammerhead Shark**  
(*Sphyrna lewini*)



**Shortfin Mako Shark**  
(*Isurus oxyrinchus*)

**Longfin Mako Shark**  
(*Isurus paucus*)



**Manta Rays**  
(*Manta* spp.)



**Oceanic White-tip Shark**  
(*Carcharhinus longimanus*)



**Porbeagle Shark**  
(*Lamna nasus*)



**Sawfish**  
(*Pristis* spp.)



**Seahorses**  
(*Hippocampus* spp.)



**Silky Shark**  
(*Carcharhinus falciformis*)



**White Teatfish**  
(*Holothuria fuscogilva*)

**Black Teatfish**  
(*Holothuria nobilis*)  
(*Holothuria whitmaei*)



**Thresher Sharks**  
(*Alopias* spp.)



**Wedgefishes**  
(*Rhinidae* spp.)



**Whale Shark**  
(*Rhincodon typus*)



It is illegal to take, trap, keep and kill protected wildlife species, read up at [www.nparks.govt.nz](#).

Contact NParks @1800-471-7300 to make a report if you see or is aware of such an illegal activity taking place.