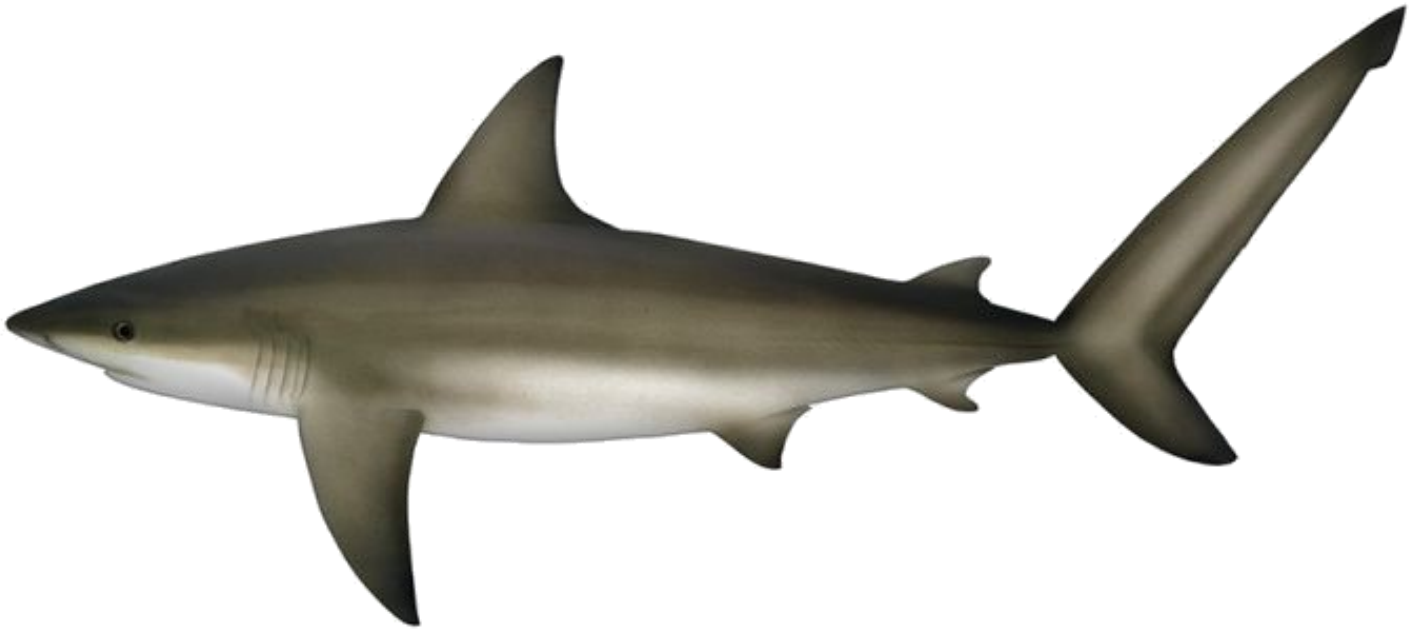


# REELING IN Junior Anglers



## Bronze Whaler Shark

Bronze Whalers are found in continental shelf and gulf waters of South Australia. The species is highly mobile and has a strong seasonality in South Australian waters. Bronze whalers are most commonly sighted and captured between spring and autumn.

They range in size up to 3.2 m and live for up to 32 years. Bronze whalers mostly feed on fish and squid. Litter sizes are generally very small with the annual number of female pups produced equal to <5, size at sexual maturity is ~16 years, and growth is slow in this species.

Tracking shows individuals migrate to Western Australia and eastern Australia, with large adults leaving the gulfs in autumn to seek out warmer shelf waters. Bronze whalers are characterised by:

- bronze, copper in colour on dorsal side
  - pale cream to white undersides
    - long upper tail lobes
- hook-shaped, non-serrated upper teeth