

REELING IN Junior Anglers



Gummy Shark

Gummy Sharks are grey in colour and have small white spots. The Gummy Shark is characterised by having small, flat teeth for crushing prey, rather than typical triangular teeth of many other species. They are found in gulf, shelf and shelf slope waters out to ~350 m. They attain size up to ~1.9m born at 35 cm and females reach sexual maturity at 5 years of age and 1.1 m in length. Litters sizes are generally about 14 pups, yet can also reach up to 57 pups, and gestation periods span ~12 months, with a year reproductive cycle. The species mostly feeds on octopus, small crabs and other crustaceans.

Gummy Sharks are characterised by:

- grey colour on dorsal side and white on underside
 - small white spots on dorsal side
 - long and slender body
- second dorsal fin nearly as large as the first.