



Shortfin Mako Shark

Smartphones for Smart Fisheries



Download the **Release Mako** App from iTunes or Google Play, and put your mako on the map!



Catch & Release Responsibly

Use corrodible circle hooks

Leave the shark in the water

Don't gaff the shark

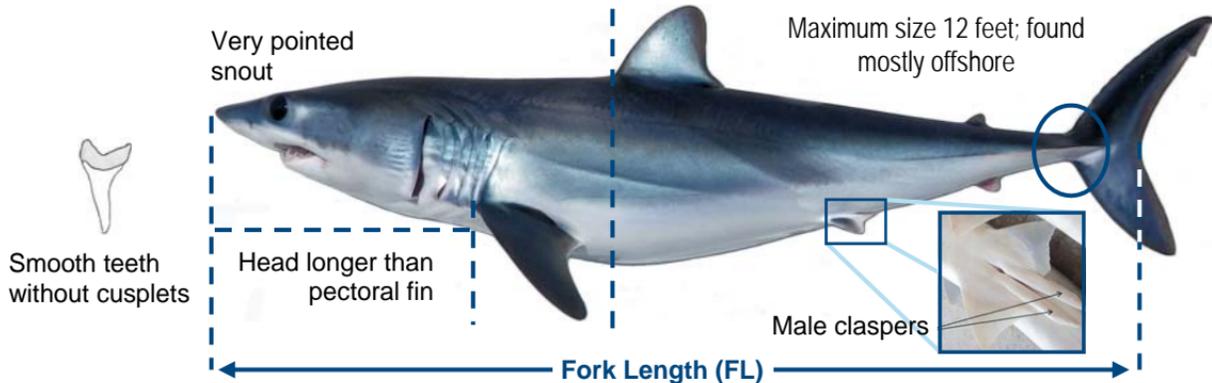
Use a de-hooking device or cut the line as close to the hook as you can

Tag a shark:
Call (401) 782-3320 for tags

Populations of shortfin mako and other sharks are important in keeping the ocean ecosystems healthy. It is everyone's responsibility to preserve our oceans for future generations. If you catch a shark that is alive when you bring it boatside, releasing it gives it the chance to reproduce and grow the population.



Shortfin Mako Shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*)



The federal recreational minimum size is 54 inches FL, but shortfin mako sharks aren't sexually mature until the **males are 73 inches FL (over 150 lb)** and **females are 108 inches FL**. Releasing smaller sharks gives them a chance to reproduce and add a new generation to the population.

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