

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 2nd dorsal fin origin over or behind anal fin origin
- 3 Dusky spot on tip of snout (prominent in juveniles, diffuse in adults)
- 4 No dark tips on pectoral fins and tail, Z-line on sides may be indistinct
- 5 Yellow-green color
- 6 Snout length same or greater than mouth width ^{ii, iii}

MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 4.5 feet (1.4 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

HABITAT

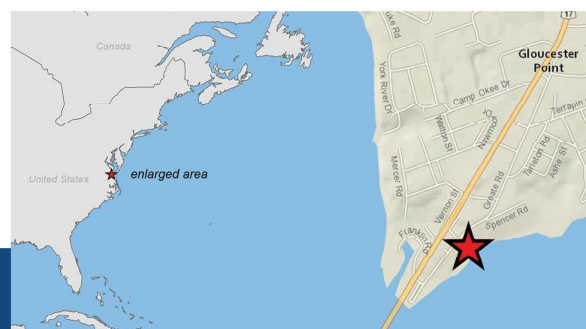
Occupies inshore continental shelf waters, down to 64 m over sandy, shell, and coral bottoms. ^{i, iii}



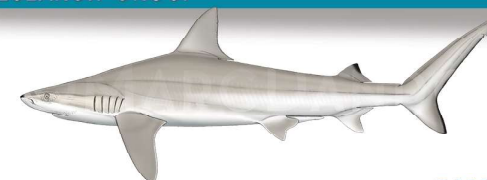
W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Abundant in warm temperate and tropical waters from North Carolina to S. Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean. Undergo a local migration in Florida. ^{i, v}

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SIMILAR SPECIES ^{III, IV}

SPINNER SHARK

C. BREVIPINNA

no dusky spot

black tip on pectoral and anal fins and tail

BLACKTIP SHARK

C. LIMBATUS

no dusky spot

black tip on pelvic fins and tail

FINETOOTH SHARK

C. ISODON

teeth erect, narrow, and smooth

blue-green color

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