



## BASKING SHARK

Basking sharks are the second largest fish (and shark) on the planet. These filter feeders can open their mouths up to a metre wide.

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Cetorhinus maximus*

**DIET:** Plankton

**DISTRIBUTION:** Worldwide, near the surface in cold to warm waters, in deeper water in tropical and equatorial regions.

**MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12m

**HABITAT:** Mainly coastal but migrates at depth (200-1000m) in the open ocean.

**DISTRIBUTION MAP:**



**CONSERVATION STATUS:**

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**Endangered**