## **FACT FILE**





## **COOKIE-CUTTER SHARK**

The Largetooth Cookie-Cutter Shark is a small, deep-sea predator known for its distinctive bite that leaves cookie-shaped wounds on larger marine animals.

**DISTRIBUTION**: Scattered at varied latitudes across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Isistius plutodus* 

**DIET:** The Cookie-Cutter Shark is a parasite; it feeds of off other animals without killing them. They take a mouth-sized chunk of flesh (or blubber) out of sharks, rays and marine mammals.

MAXIMUM SIZE: 42cm

**HABITAT:** Warm deep, tropical and warm-temperate waters (mesopelagic). Found at depths of 60-200m.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAP:**

## **CONSERVATION STATUS:**





Least Concern