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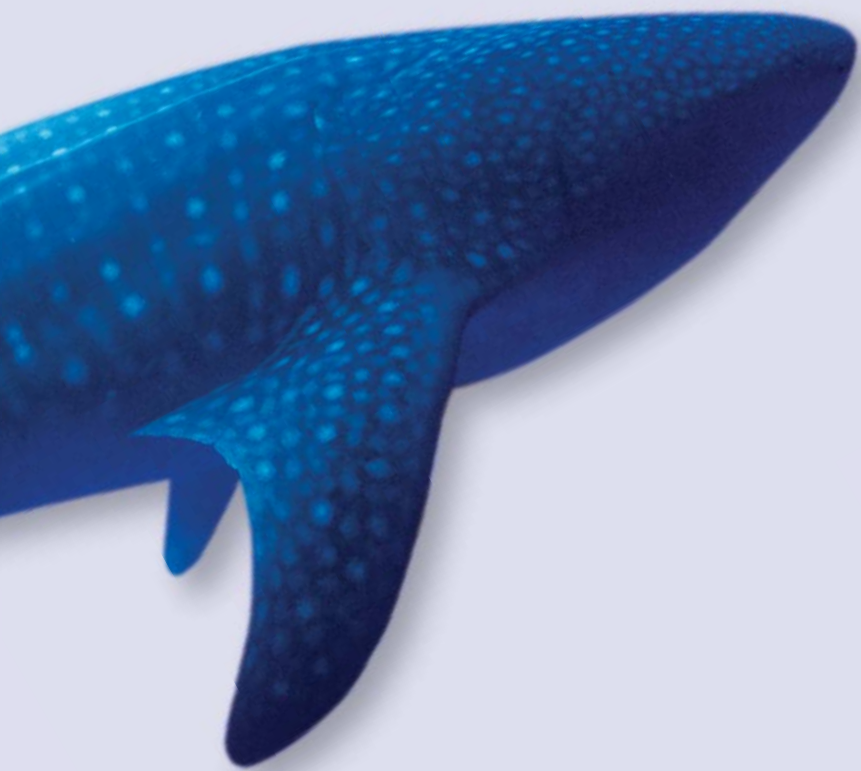
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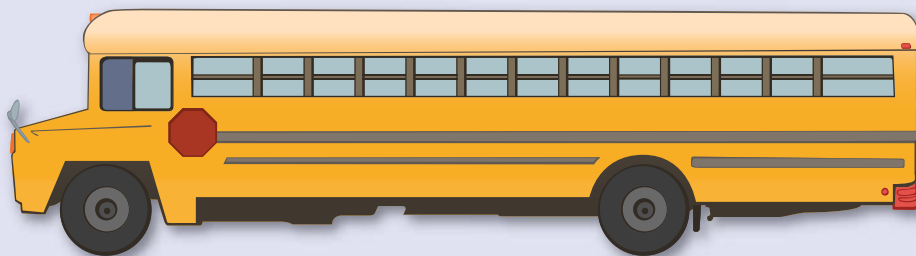
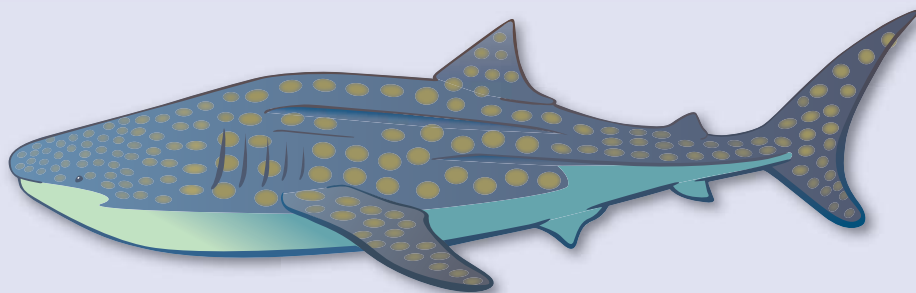


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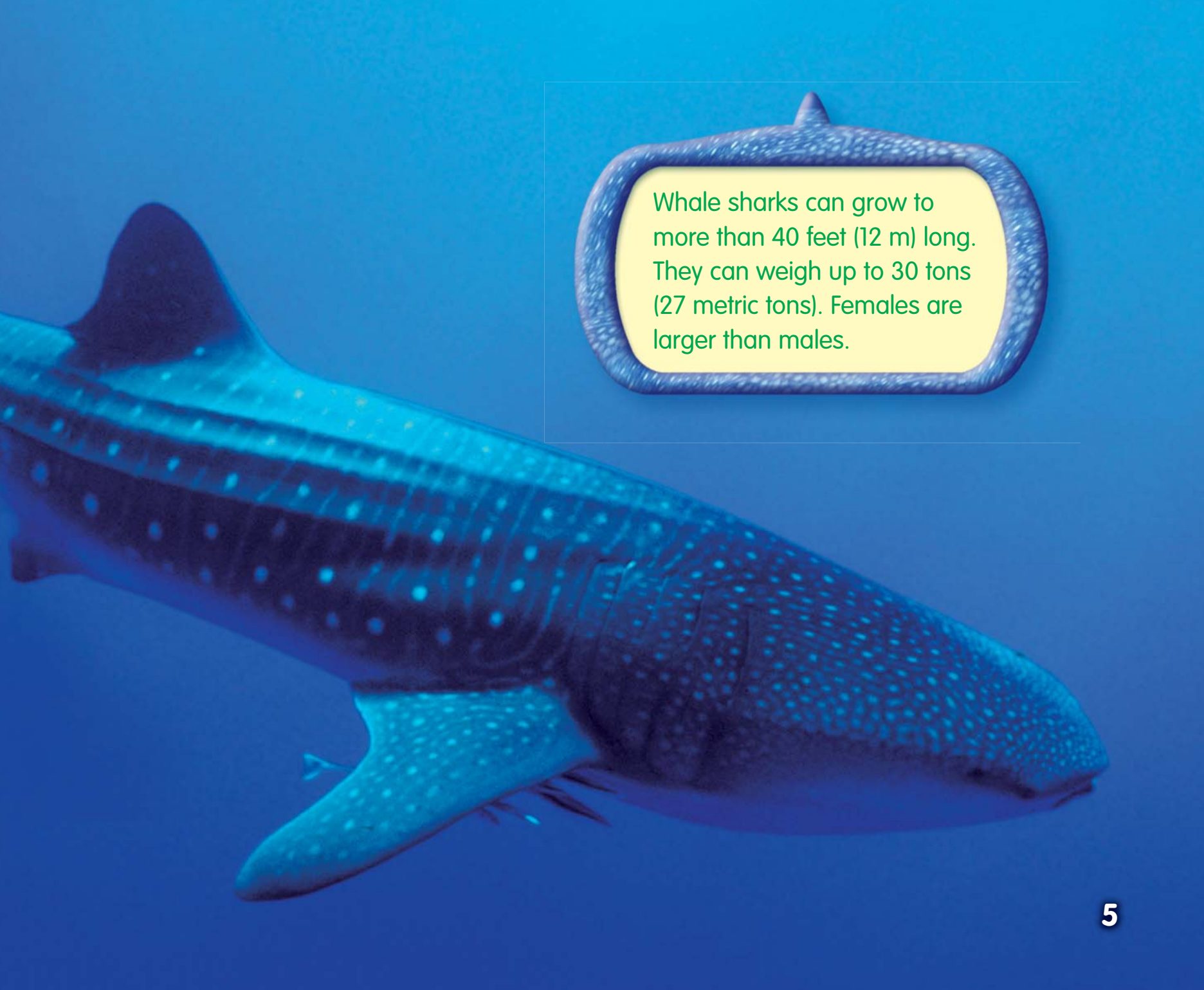
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Giants of the Sea

The whale shark is the biggest fish in the world.



A whale shark is about as long as a school bus.



Whale sharks can grow to more than 40 feet (12 m) long. They can weigh up to 30 tons (27 metric tons). Females are larger than males.

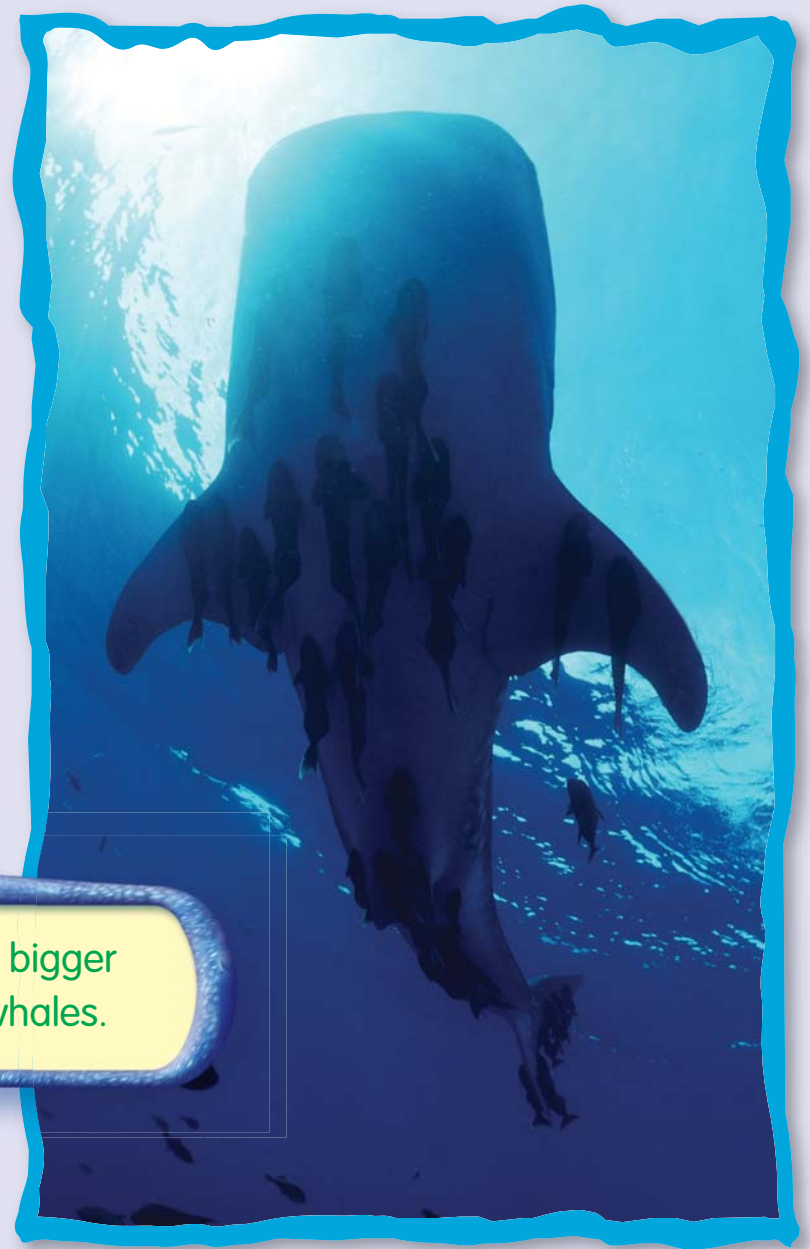
Warm-water Homes

Whale sharks swim in warm oceans near the **equator**.

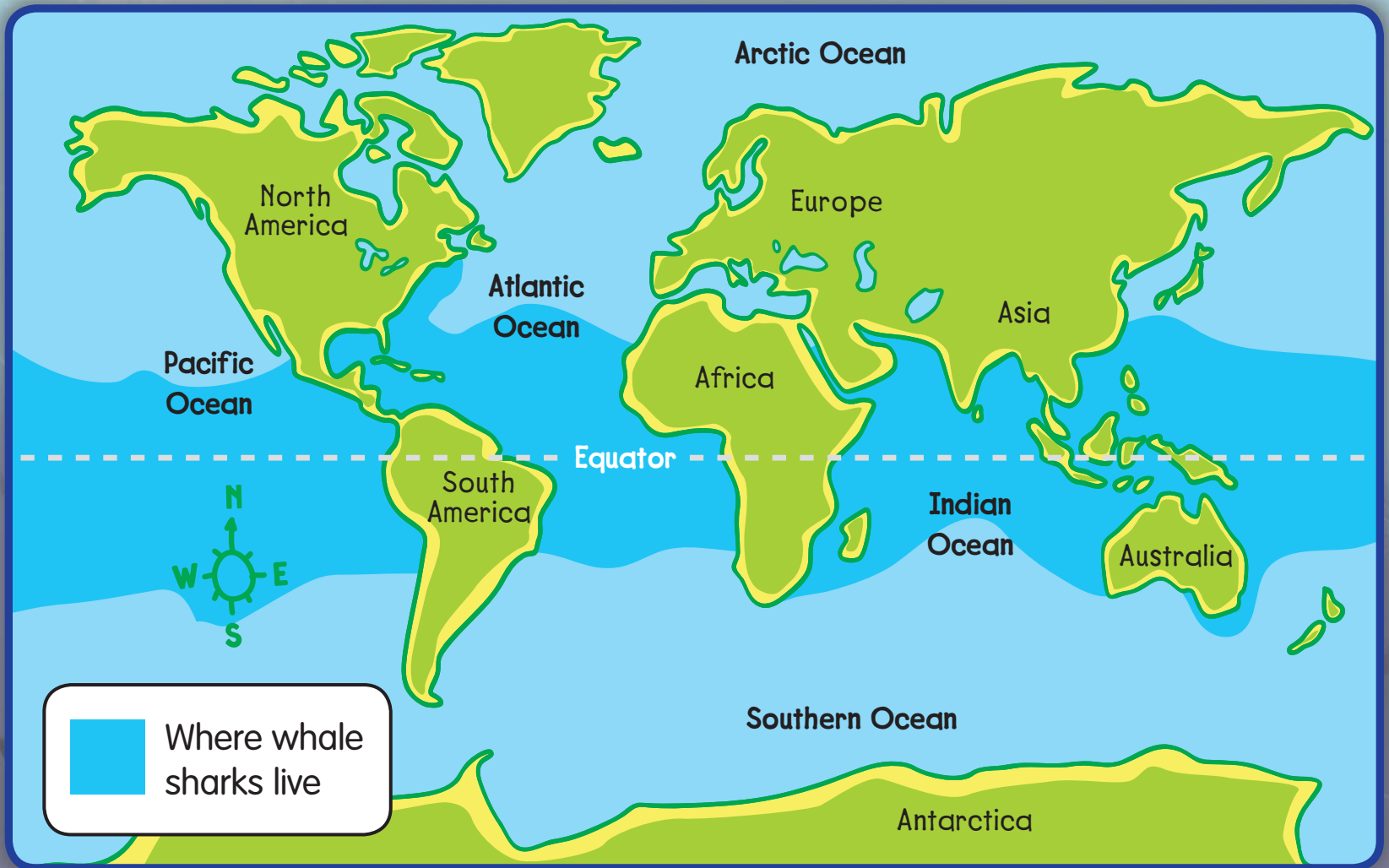
These big sharks can dive deep down in the ocean.

Yet they also swim near the top of the water.

Whale sharks can be bigger than many kinds of whales.



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It's no surprise that a whale shark is bigger than many kinds of whales. After all, the giant shark got its name because of its huge size. Some whale sharks grow to be more than 40 feet (12 m) long—about as long as a school bus.

Look inside to find out how the world's biggest fish eats the tiniest food in the sea. Also discover where it lives and how it is born.

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The World's Biggest Land Mammal

Blue Whale

The World's Biggest Mammal

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Komodo Dragon

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Leatherback Turtle

The World's Heaviest Reptile

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