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Species of the Day: Great White Shark

The **Great White Shark**, *Carcharodon carcharias*, is classified as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It can be found almost anywhere in the world, with concentrations in temperate and tropical coastal seas.

The Great White Shark has long been a focus for negative media attention, generated by rare lethal interactions with humans. As a consequence, this species is directly exploited for sports-fishing, commercial trophy-hunting, and both the curio and oriental shark-fin trade. Sharks are sold for their flesh, fins, skins, jaws, teeth and oil. Unfortunately, its inquisitive nature and tendency to scavenge from fishing gear, makes this shark vulnerable to either their own accidental entrapment, or deliberate killing by commercial fishermen.

The Great White Shark is currently protected in the Australian EEZ and state waters, South Africa, Namibia, Israel, Malta, Palau and the USA. It should be removed from international game fish record lists, and receive more rational treatment by the media. The recent interest in shark dives and ecotourism may provide a substantial local income and an important method of education.

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