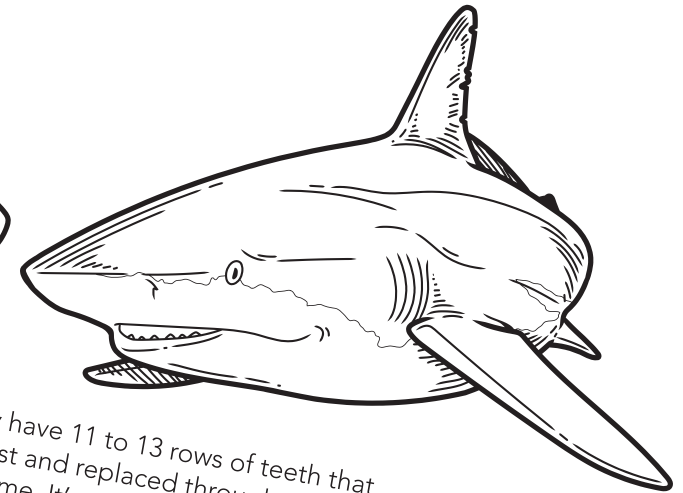
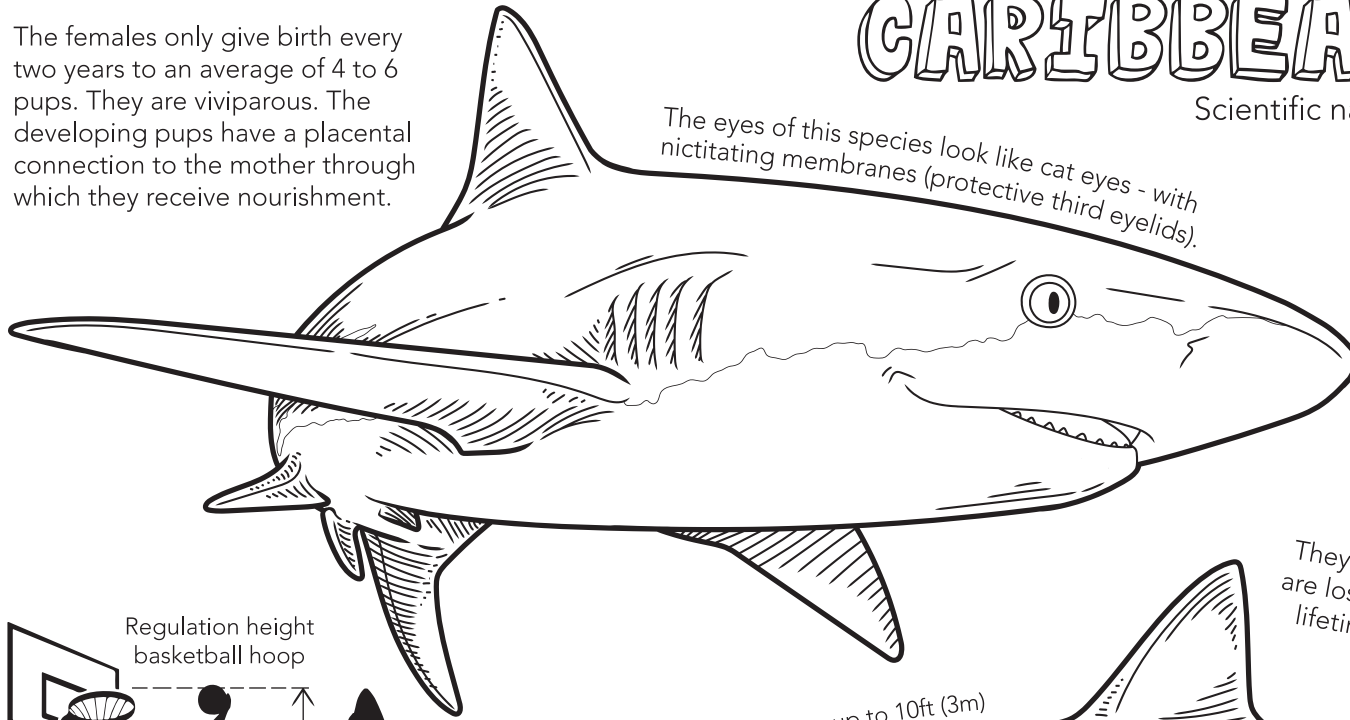


CARIBBEAN REEF SHARK

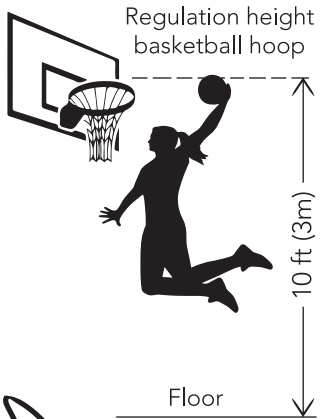
Scientific name: *Carcharhinus perezi*

The females only give birth every two years to an average of 4 to 6 pups. They are viviparous. The developing pups have a placental connection to the mother through which they receive nourishment.

The eyes of this species look like cat eyes - with nictitating membranes (protective third eyelids).

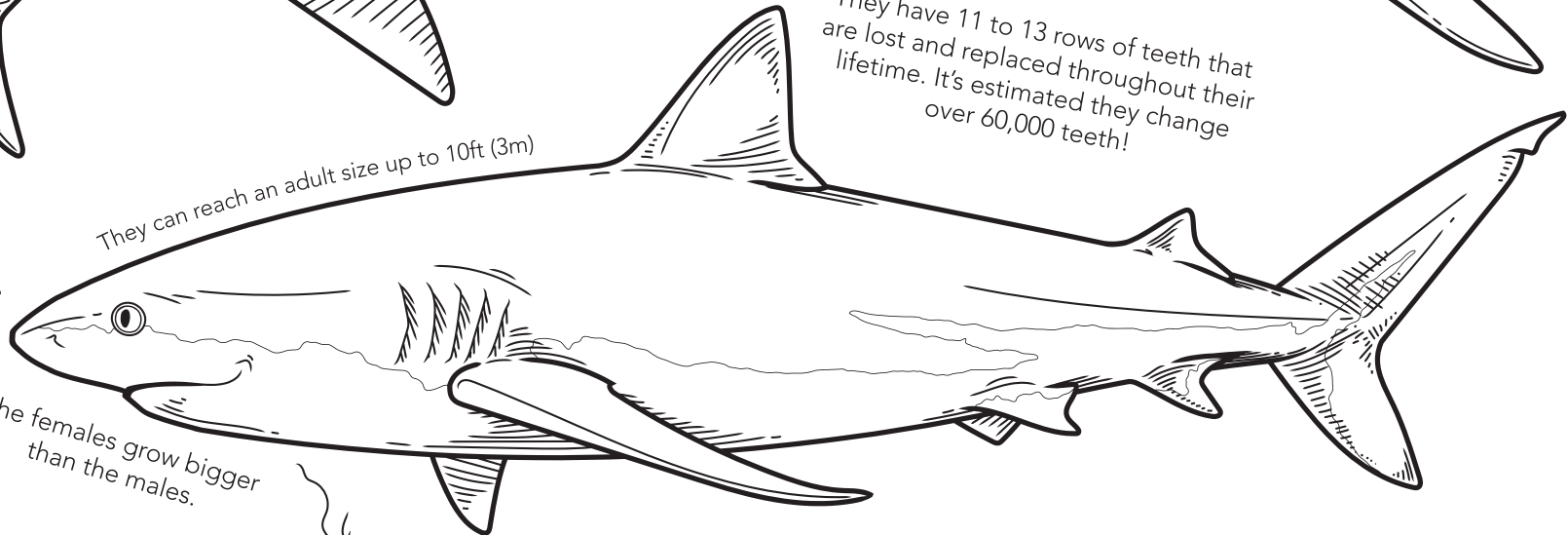


They have 11 to 13 rows of teeth that are lost and replaced throughout their lifetime. It's estimated they change over 60,000 teeth!



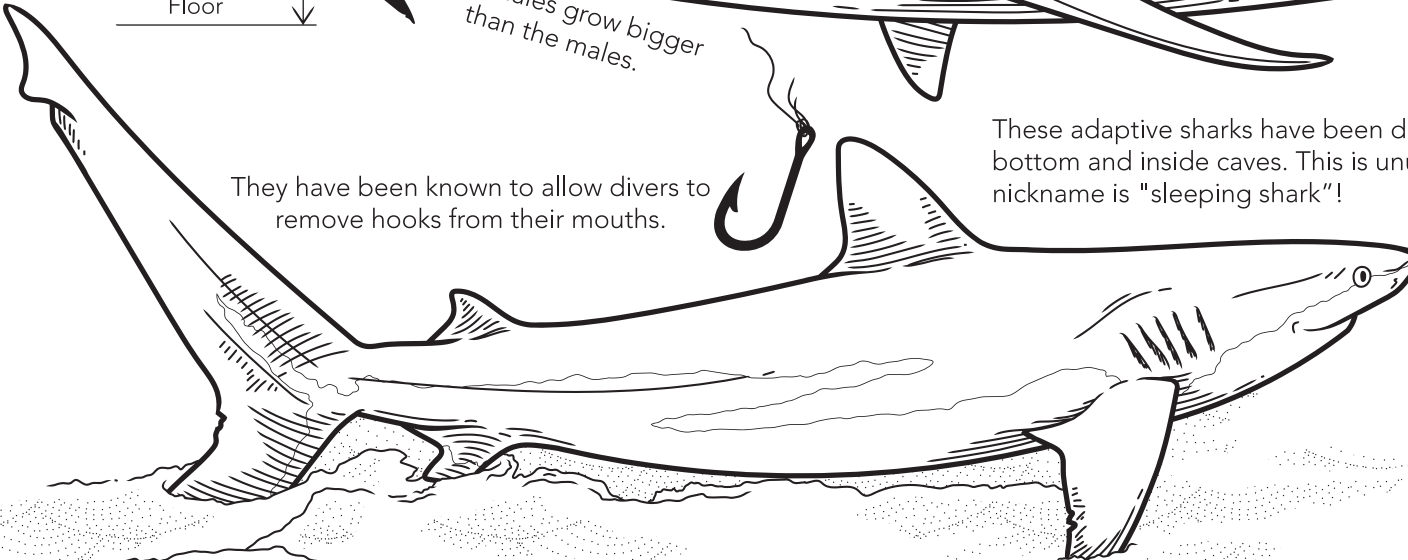
They can reach an adult size up to 10ft (3m)

The females grow bigger than the males.



These adaptive sharks have been documented resting motionless on the sandy Ocean bottom and inside caves. This is unusual behavior for an active-swimming shark. Their nickname is "sleeping shark"!

They have been known to allow divers to remove hooks from their mouths.



They use a system called "buccal pumping" when lying motionless to pump water through their gills.

