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WHAT IS SHARK FINNING? This is the act of removing the fins from a shark and then discarding the body [into the Ocean]. Sharks that suffer this fate are often still alive when dropped into the water. Without their fins they're unable to swim and die of suffocation. Shark fins are primarily used to make 'Shark Fin Soup'.

SHARK FIN SOUP? This is a traditional ancient Chinese dish that was once consumed to indicate an important social-standing or event. The fibers of shark cartilage take on a glutinous consistency and have virtually no taste or nutritional value - chicken stock is usually added to improve the flavor. Additionally, this expensive bowl of soup contains toxic levels of monomethylmercury and has no proven health benefits. This dish is not exclusive to China. Unfortunately, it can be found around the world. Shark finning is a global issue.