

**SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS**

**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 Crescent-shaped tail
- 3 Head hammer-shaped and may be convex or straight
- 4 Strong indentation at tip of snout
- 5 1st dorsal fin tall and narrowly pointed with strongly falcate rear margin
- 6 Pelvic fin strongly falcate<sup>ii,iii</sup>

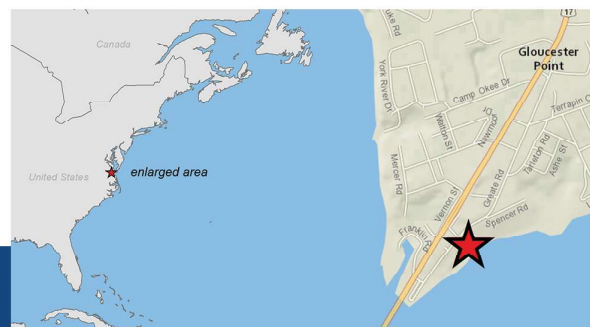
**MAXIMUM SIZE**

Females up to 18.0 feet (5.5 m) and males up to 11.2 feet (3.4 m)<sup>iii</sup>

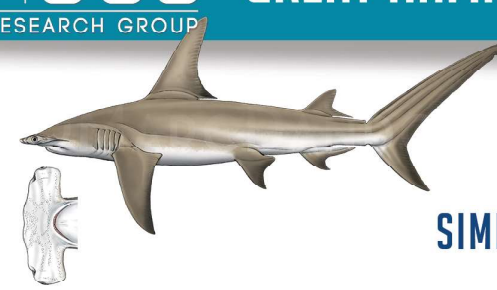
**HABITAT**

Occurs close to shore and offshore over and near topological features from near-surface down to over 80 m depth.<sup>i,iii</sup>

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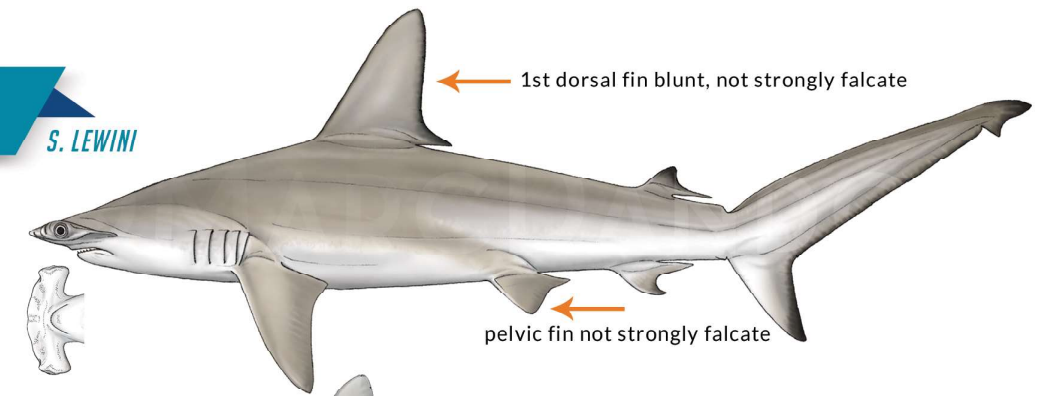
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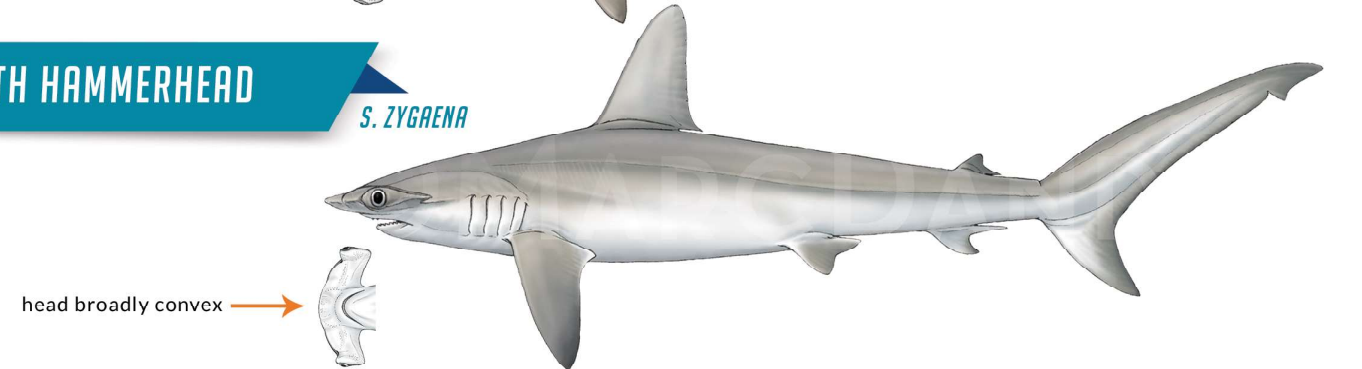
**SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD**

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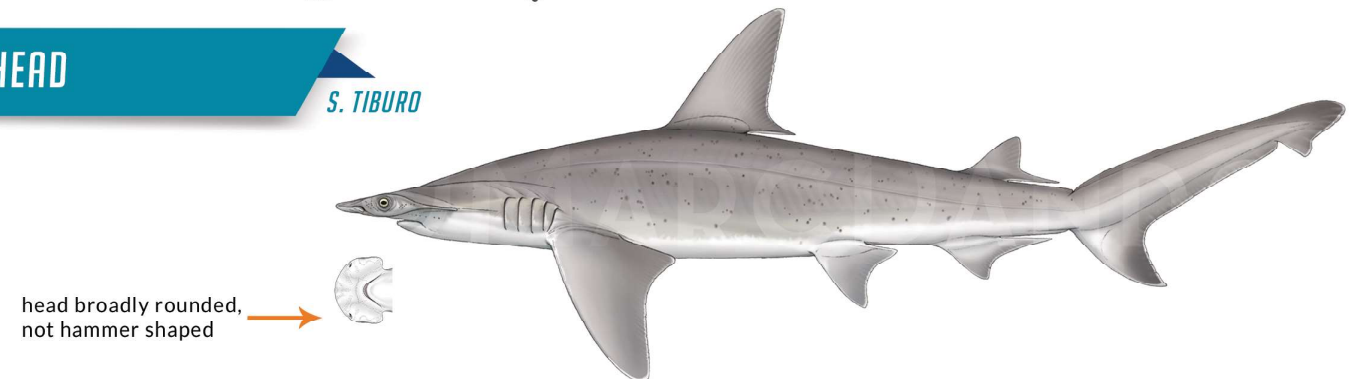
**SMOOTH HAMMERHEAD**

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**BONNETHEAD**

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