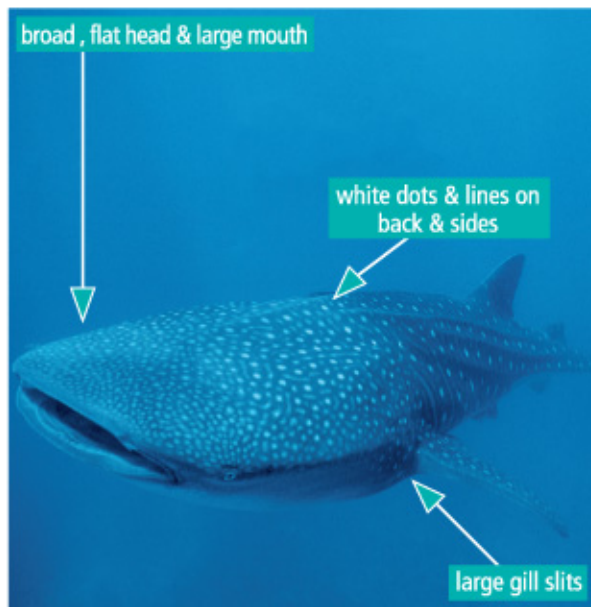


# Whale Shark

*Scientific Name: Rhincodon typus*



**Distribution:** WA, QLD, NT, NSW, VIC

**EPBC Act Status:** Vulnerable and Migratory

**Length:** Up to 20m

**Colour:** Bronze, dark-grey or green-grey on their upper bodies, cream on the underbelly, with random white dots and lines on their back and sides.

**Key Features:** Broad, flat head, huge mouth with 300 rows of teeth, large gill slits, small eyes, first dorsal fin much larger than second.

Three prominent ridges running along each side of its body.

**Preferred Habitat:**

Deep and shallow coastal waters and the lagoons of coral atolls and reefs.

