

Turtles and Sharks

Around the world, a number of sea turtle species are in decline. The main threats to those species that frequent Atlantic Canadian waters include entanglement in both active fishing gear and ghost gear, i.e. tackle that has been abandoned, lost or discarded.

As for sharks, in addition to overfishing, one of the most serious threats is bycatch. Numerous sharks are captured every year, including many that have not yet reached sexual maturity.



Leatherback sea turtle © Canadian Sea Turtle Network

If you happen to see or catch a shark, you are requested to report your observation to Fisheries and Oceans Canada and to the St. Lawrence Shark Observatory.

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**OVERVIEW OF THE RELATIVE
SIZE OF SHARKS AND SEA
TURTLES FOUND IN THE WATERS OF
EASTERN CANADA**



BASKING SHARK



**LOGGERHEAD
SEA TURTLE**



BLUE SHARK



PORBEAGLE SHARK



SPINY DOGFISH



**COMMON
THRESHER SHARK**



**LEATHERBACK
SEA TURTLE**



GREENLAND SHARK



BLACK DOGFISH



**SHORTFIN MAKO
SHARK**



WHITE SHARK