

GREENEYE SPURDOG



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GREENEYE SPURDOG FACTS

Is found nowhere else in the world except in the deep waters (126-554m) of southern Australia.

Max size of 110cm.

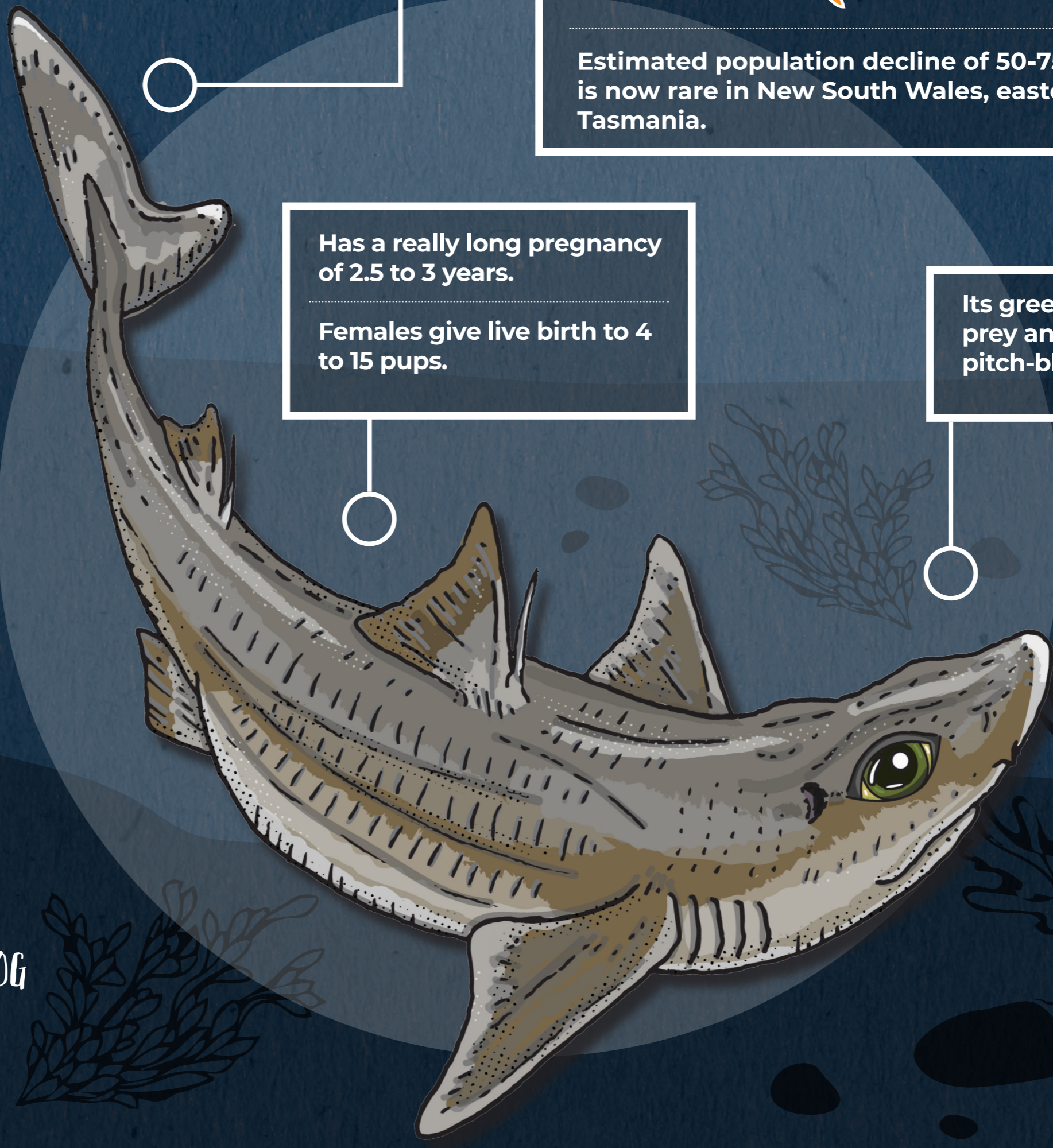


Estimated population decline of 50-75% in Australia. It is now rare in New South Wales, eastern Victoria and Tasmania.

Has a really long pregnancy of 2.5 to 3 years.

Females give live birth to 4 to 15 pups.

Its green eye helps it see prey and other sharks in the pitch-black depths.



GREENEYE SPURDOG

Squalus chloroculus

Endangered



THREATS & SOLUTIONS



TRAWL FISHING: It lives mostly on and near the seafloor where it can be 'scooped' up.

SOLUTION: Closures from 700m deep are currently in place. Additional protection could also include an escape hatch in the trawl net called a 'gulper excluder device' (named after the gulper shark).

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