Shark Nets
Key results from 1 September 2009 - 30 April 2019

Caught in net

White
46 Released alive
95 Dead

Tiger
12 Released alive
15 Dead

Bull
8 Released alive
14 Dead

Other sharks*
48 Released alive
428 Dead

Non target animals
1,112 Released alive
1,065 Dead

* These include: Broadnose Sevengill Sharks; Whaler Sharks (Bronze Whalers, Dusky Whalers, and an unidentified whaler species); Shortfin Mako Sharks; Mako Sharks; Silky Sharks; Spinner Sharks; and Common Blacktip Sharks reported as target sharks prior to 2017.

North Coast trials
Lennox Head, Shelly, Lighthouse, Evans Head
8 Dec 2016 - 30 May 2017 and 23 Nov 2017 - 2 May 2018
1 net at each beach
- 3 White (2 dead), 5 Bull (3 dead), 3 Tiger sharks (1 dead)
- 64 other sharks (59 dead), 301 rays (107 dead)
- 8 marine mammals (8 dolphins dead)
- 20 turtles (9 dead), 16 fish (16 dead)

Hunter region
Stockton, Nobbys, Newcastle, Bar, Dixon Park, Merewether, Redhead beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 34 White (22 dead), 1 Bull (1 dead), 0 Tiger sharks
- 133 other sharks (106 dead), 178 rays (19 dead)
- 6 marine mammals (6 dolphins dead)
- 15 turtles (9 dead), 4 finfish (3 dead)

Central Coast North region
Blacksmiths, Caves, Catherine Hill Bay, Lakes, Soldiers, The Entrance, Shelly beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 32 White (18 dead), 3 Bull (2 dead), 2 Tiger sharks (1 dead)
- 174 other sharks (155 dead), 332 rays (107 dead)
- 7 marine mammals (7 dolphins dead)
- 17 turtles (12 dead), 1 finfish (dead)

Central Coast South region
Terrigal, North Avoca, Avoca, Copacabana, MacMasters, Killcare, Umina beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 18 White (11 dead), 3 Bull (1 dead), 2 Tiger sharks (dead)
- 222 other sharks (203 dead), 51 rays (23 dead)
- 6 marine mammals (5 dolphins dead)
- 13 turtles (9 dead), 3 finfish (2 dead)

Sydney North region
Palm, Whale, Avalon, Bilgola, Newport, Mona Vale, Warriewood beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 7 White (3 dead), 5 Bull (3 dead), 3 Tiger sharks (2 dead)
- 126 other sharks (109 dead), 163 rays (22 dead)
- 11 marine mammals (10 dolphins dead, 1 whale dead)
- 10 turtles (6 dead)

Sydney South region
Bondi, Bronte, Coogee, Maroubra, Wanda, Elouera, North Cronulla, Cronulla beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 14 White (12 dead), 2 Bull (1 dead), 3 Tiger sharks (1 dead)
- 140 other sharks (116 dead), 144 rays (47 dead)
- 6 marine mammals (5 dolphins dead, 1 dugong dead)
- 15 turtles (13 dead), 2 finfish (dead), 1 bird (dead)

Sydney Central region
North Narrabeen, Narrabeen, Dee Why, Curl Curl, Harbord, Queenscliff, North Steyne, Manly beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 6 White Sharks (4 dead), 3 Bull (2 dead), 4 Tiger sharks (1 dead)
- 119 other sharks (104 dead), 193 rays (32 dead)
- 9 marine mammals (9 dolphins dead)
- 22 turtles (17 dead), 1 bird (dead)

Illawarra region
Wattamolla, Garie, Coledale, Austinmer, Thirroul, North Wollongong, South Wollongong beach
1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019
1 net at each beach
- 30 White Sharks (25 dead), 5 Bull (4 dead), 13 Tiger sharks (8 dead)
- 296 other sharks (264 dead), 217 rays (52 dead)
- 6 marine mammals (5 dolphins dead, 1 seal dead)
- 8 turtles (6 dead), 2 finfish (dead)
**BENEFITS**
- Relatively low in cost compared to other methods
- They can stay in the water all day and night

**CONSIDERATIONS**
- Nets are not a barrier and are only 150m long - sharks can swim over, under and around nets
- Are only set in swimming season from 1 September - 30 April each year to avoid whale entanglement
- Catches around 90% of non-target animals, especially rays and harmless sharks

**HOW NETS WORK**
Shark nets in NSW are designed to entangle sharks over 2m

They are 150m long and 6m deep and set below the surface in 10-12m of water within 500m from the shore

Whale alarms and dolphin pingers are fitted to deter marine mammals

Checked every 3 days for any animals caught

Any target sharks (White, Bull or Tigers) are tagged before released

**WHAT THE COMMUNITY THINKS**
- Commonly viewed as old and outdated technology
- Is the least liked shark mitigation method due to socially unacceptable levels of bycatch/mortality - many non-target animals caught including rays, turtles, and dolphins
- Ineffective at catching target sharks
- Most people prefer non-lethal shark mitigation approaches that minimise harm to sharks and other species
- Some people report feeling safer in the water with nets deployed