

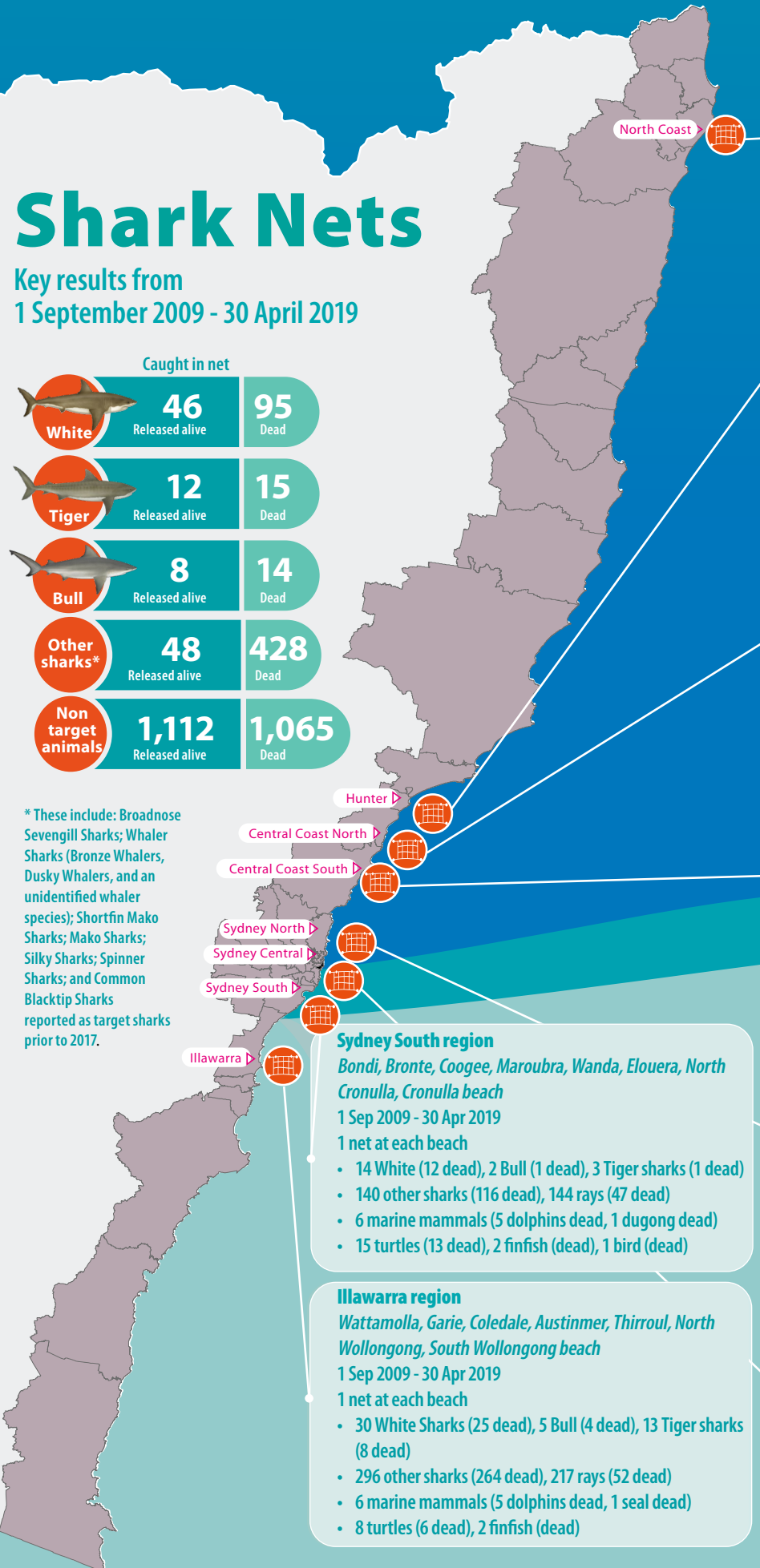


Shark Nets

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, Sharpes, 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 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)

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)

Illawarra region

Wattamolla, Garie, Coledale, Austinmer, Thirroul, North Wollongong, South Wollongong beach

1 Sep 2009 - 30 Apr 2019

1 net at each beach

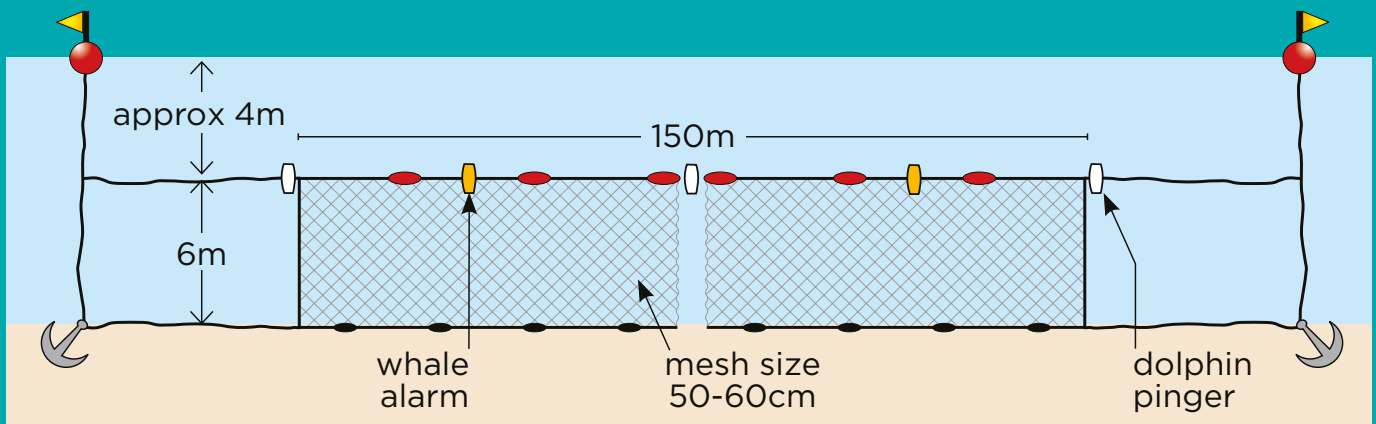
- 30 White Sharks (25 dead), 5 Bull (4 dead), 13 Tiger sharks (8 dead)
- 296 other sharks (264 dead), 217 rays (52 dead)
- 6 marine mammals (5 dolphins dead, 1 seal dead)
- 8 turtles (6 dead), 2 finfish (dead)

BENEFITS

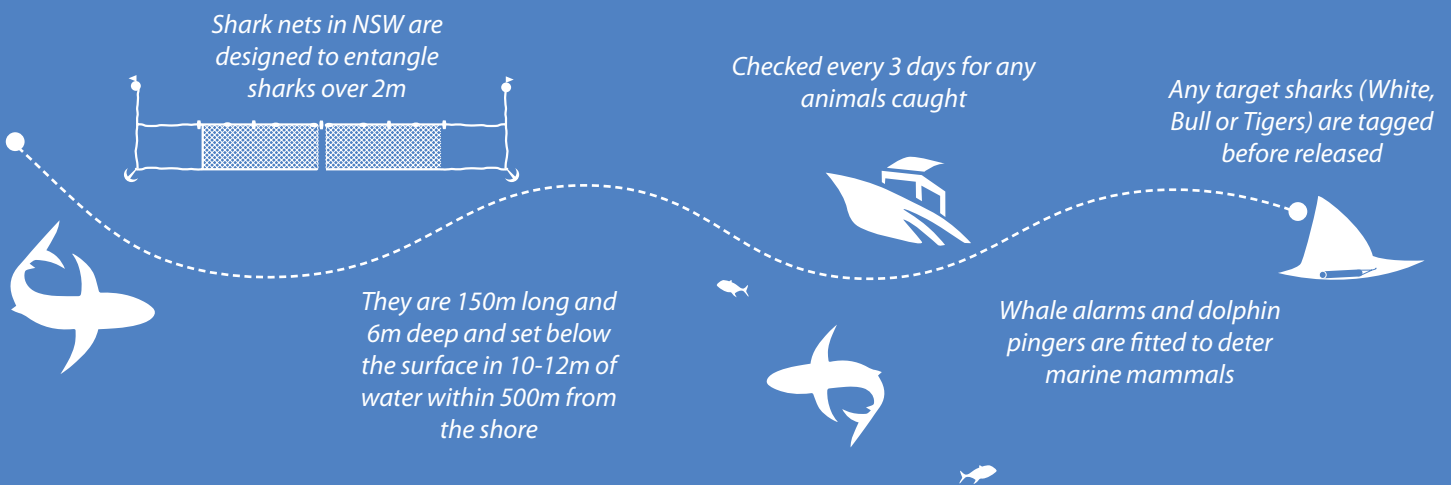
- Relatively low in cost compared to other methods
- They can stay in the water all day and night

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



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