



SHARKS4KIDS LEMON SHARK

(Negaprion brevirostris)

1. They are named for their yellowish coloration and have a second dorsal fin almost as large as the first.
2. They are found in sub tropical and tropical waters and can reach 300 cm (9.8 feet) of length.
3. After a 12 -month gestation period, females give birth to 7-18 pups. Lemon sharks give birth to live young (placental viviparous) and each pup has an umbilical scar (belly button).
4. Juvenile lemon sharks are known to be social, having their best buddies.
5. Mangrove forests provide critical nursery habitat for neonate and juvenile lemon sharks.
6. Lemon sharks do not have to swim to be able to breath. They can pump water over their gills using a method called buccal pumping.
7. They are very flexible and can actually bite their own tails.
8. They are listed as “near threatened” on the IUCN Red List and are fished commercially for their meat and fins.



