



Scientific name: Etmopterus spinax

The Velvet Belly Lanternshark is bioluminescent like other lanternsharks. They have light-emitting photophores (glandular organs) that form specific patterns over their abdomen and flanks. The shark's bioluminescence may also serve a social function aiding communication between members of the same species.

This deepwater shark is found in the east Atlantic Ocean from Iceland to Gabon in the western Mediterranean, the Azores, the

The Velvet Belly Laternshark's bioluminescence serves as a method of camouflage. This technique, called countershading, helps camouflage the shark against upward-looking predators and prey.

The Velvet Belly Lanternshark is classified

as "Least Concern" on the IUCN Red List.

This deep-sea species is found at

depths of 250-1000 m (820-3280 ft).

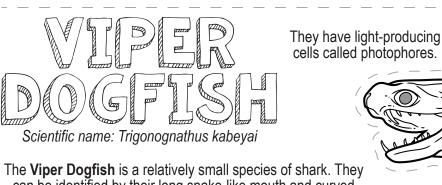
The Velvet Belly Lanternshark can reach a maximum of 55 cm (1.8 ft).



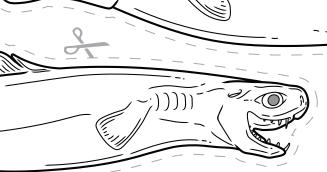
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> Viper Dogfish size: Males 42-47 cm (1.4-1.5 ft) Females at least 52 cm (1.7 ft)





The Viper Dogfish is a relatively small species of shark. They can be identified by their long snake-like mouth and curved fang like-teeth. They have spines on both dorsal fins.

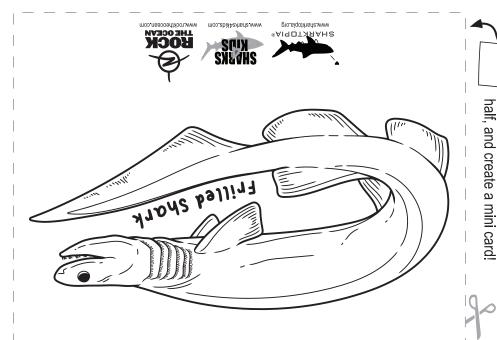


Viper Dogfish give birth to live young (viviparous) and have a possible litter size of 25-26 pups













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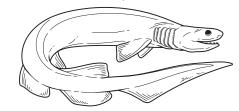
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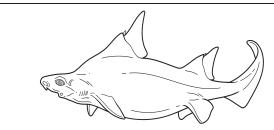
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Name these sharks!

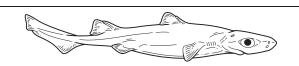
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