

The shortfin mako shark is the fastest shark in the ocean. It can swim up to 45 miles per hour. Makos are often called the “cheetahs of the sea” or “falcons of the ocean.” It is nice to be able to outswim your enemies.



FACT

Sharks do not sleep like we do. They have active and rest periods. For example, reef sharks rest on the bottom of the ocean.



MAKO SHARK VS. SAW SHARK



The saw shark has teeth along its nose. It is an easy shark to identify. It uses its nose to slash at a school of fish. How would you like to have teeth on your nose?



LANGUAGE FACT

The word mako means shark in the Maori language.

The saw shark is scary looking, but it is no match for a mako. The lightning-fast mako swims right at the saw shark and bites its tail off. The saw shark is wounded and cannot swim.



MAKO SHARK WINS!