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**Scientific Name: - *Sphyrna zygaena***

**Family: Sphyrnidae**

**Common Name: Hammerhead shark**

**Physical Characteristics:**

Smooth hammerhead sharks have a distinctive hammer-shaped head, known as a cephalofoil, which is wide and flattened. They are large sharks, with adult individuals typically reaching lengths of 10 to 13 feet (3 to 4 meters), although larger specimens have been reported.



**Geographical Distribution:**

They inhabit both coastal and offshore waters of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans.

**Economic Importance:**

It is a charismatic species with ecological, Economic, and cultural significance. Sustainable management and conservation efforts are essential to ensure the long-term survival of smooth hammerhead populations and the health of marine ecosystems.

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