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There are two types of Mako sharks that still exist: the short-finned Mako shark, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and the long-finned Mako shark *Isurus paucus*. The long-finned Mako shark has a build that hampers swimming fast. It is longer and slimmer and has broad pectoral fins. The short-finned Mako shark is a faster swimmer. The long-finned Mako spends most of its time swimming in the epipelagic zone or the upper portions of the oceans where sunlight penetrates, that is why it is referred to as the sunlight zone

The short-finned Mako shark has a long and slender body with a conical snout and large eyes. It has pretty long teeth that are razor sharp and resemble blades and do not have any serrations. The pectoral fins are broad ending in narrow tips. The largest known Mako shark measured 394 cm in length. The female attains maturity when it reaches a length of 280 cm, while the males mature at 195 cm. It is found in the Mediterranean, the Western Atlantic and the Eastern Atlantic and the West Pacific. It prefers both tropical and warm temperate waters and is not usually found at temperatures below 16 degrees C. They migrate along the streams of warm waters that are seasonal. This species of shark are found up to 152 m below the surface of the Ocean

The short-finned Mako shark is a lively and active shark in stark contrast to its cousin the long-finned Mako shark which is slow and lazy. The short-finned Mako is a very fast swimmer and is actually one of the fastest among all sharks. The power and strength are best displayed while chasing its prey. It feeds predominantly on other fish like tuna, mackerel, anchovies, grunts, herrings and cod. It also preys on other shark like the hammerhead, grey and blue shark. It also likes feeding on turtles and squids. The remains of other larger mammals like dolphins are also favored by the short-finned Mako which has teeth that are adapted to dismembering larger mammals

The long-finned Mako shark has comparatively larger eyes and a mouth that has a parabolic shape. The body though, is long and slender with a long conical snout. The teeth are large and blade-shaped with the absence of any serrations. The lower anterior teeth protrude and are in line with the lateral teeth. The pectoral fins of the Longfin Mako are as long as its head and could even be longer. They are straight and have broad tips. The largest known Longfin Mako measures 417 cm in length. It is dark blue in color with grey-black shades and the underside is white. It is not known where exactly the long-finned Mako sharks live, however, they have been spotted in the Western and Eastern Atlantic, the Western Indian Ocean, the Western and Central Pacific. The life of the Longfin Mako is a mystery except for the fact that it is epipelagic and prefers tropical and warm temperate zones

It is believed that it may be spending much of its time deep under the ocean. It is a slow swimmer when compared to the short-finned Mako and prefers to cruise around lazily at slow speeds. The exact dietary preferences are not known, however it has been reported in 1993 that a swordfish was found stuck inside the belly of a Longfin Mako. The female Longfin Mako gives birth to live pups in litters of 2 to 8 and prefer to be closer to land at the time of giving birth. The Longfin Mako is an ovoviviparous species and cannibalism occurs among the pups while they are still inside the body of the mother and quite a few get eaten up

As both the short-finned and the Long-finned are considered to be endangered, it is important to conserve them lest they become extinct. More programs related to marine life are aired by popular service providers in their offers like Dish Network Offers.

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