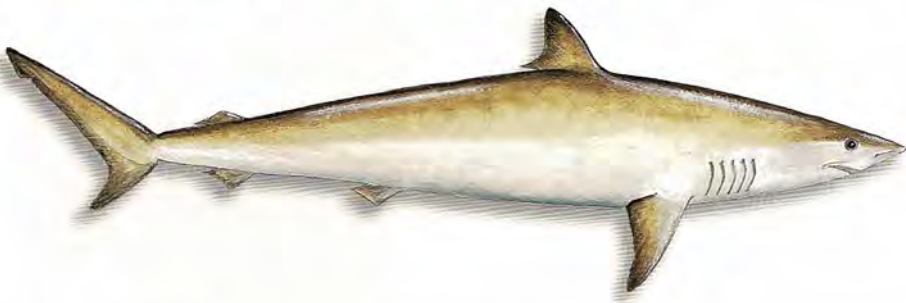


Atlantic Sharpnose Shark

Rhizoprionodon terraenovae



RANGE: Gulfwide. A very similar species, the **Caribbean Sharpnose**, *Rhizoprionodon porosus*, is found along with this one in the Straits of Florida and off Yucatan.

HABITAT: Coastal, including surf, shallow flats and streams, often in schools.

DESCRIPTION: The snout is longer than the mouth is wide. Color is brown or dark gray above; white below. Dorsal and caudal fins are edged in black.

SIZE: Averages 2 feet; maximum about 4 feet. World record 16 pounds.

FOOD VALUE: Very good.

GAME QUALITIES: Energetic and strong on light tackle.

TACKLE AND BAITS: Light spinning and baitcasting tackle with wire leaders and small live or dead baitfish, or cutbaits.

FISHING SYSTEMS: Still Fishing; Drifting.