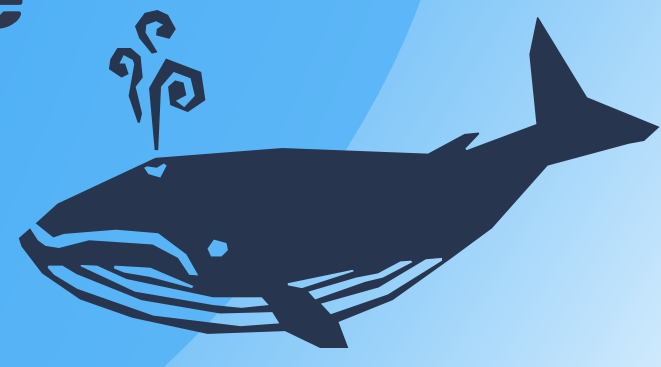
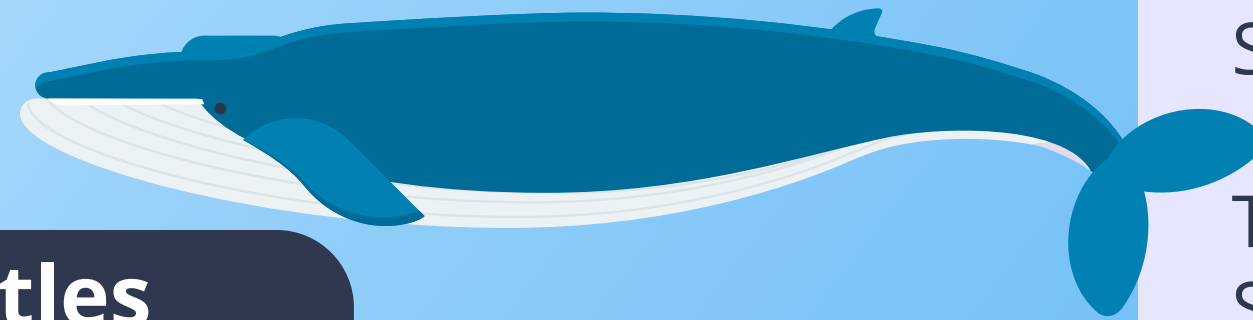


# Vibrant Marine Life in the Cook Islands Infographics



## Impressive Humpback Whales

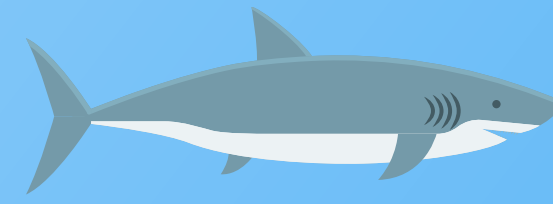
Whale season is from May to October. You can see them on Rarotonga and the outer islands.



## Heaps of Sharks

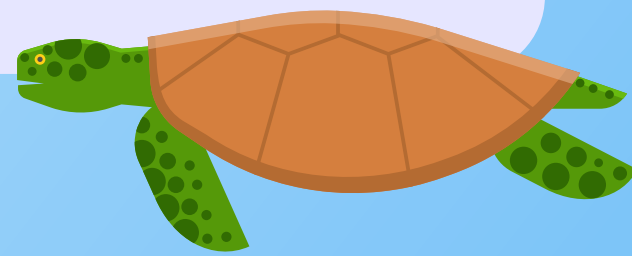
Across the entire Cook Islands, you find Whitetip & Blacktip & Grey reef sharks, Hammerhead, Oceanic Whitetip, Tiger, Bull, Dusky, Silky, Silvertip, Nurse, and Lemon sharks.

The northernmost atoll, Penrhyn (or Shark island), may host still unknown species.



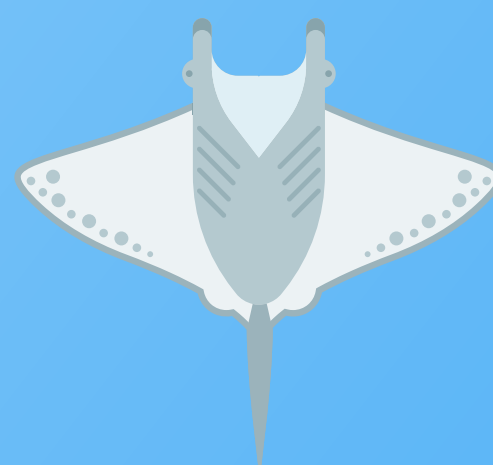
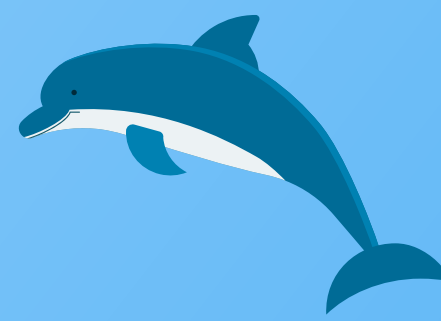
## Endangered Sea Turtles

The Green turtle and Hawksbill turtle are around the lagoons and coral reefs.



## Majestic Eagle Rays and Manta Rays

Spotted Eagle rays meander through the lagoons, passages, and next to the coral reefs, while Manta rays occur in the deep ocean only.



## Bluefin and Giant Trevally

Both live inside the lagoons, and behind the reef, mostly in groups; you see them a lot.

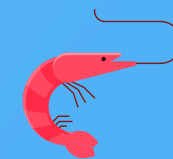
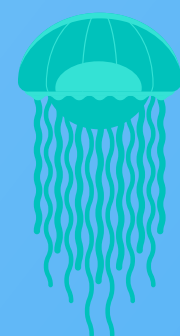
GT (night) fishing is popular; a couple of operators offer specific tours.



## Mesmerizing Reef Fish

The aquarium hosts Butterflyfish, Wrasses, Triggerfish, Parrotfish, Angelfish, Goatfish, Bannerfish, Groupers, Unicornfish, Damsel, Pufferfish, Cornetfish, Trumpetfish, Needlefish, Flounders, Sea stars, Sea cucumbers, and more.

Do not eat them because they can carry the Cigua-toxin, which leads to CFP (Ciguatera Fish Poisoning)



## Highly Venomous and Poisonous Fish

Stonefish, the world's most venomous fish: a sting can be lethal.

Porcupinefish, the world's most poisonous fish: is lethal to humans if eaten.

## Beautiful Corals, Anemones, Giant Clams, and Black-Lipped Pearls Oysters

The precious black pearls, bred by the oysters, create an income for many islanders.

## Brilliant Deep-Water Fish

Cook Islanders' favorite fish to eat is: Yellowfin tuna, Flying fish (Maroro), Albacore, Mahimahi, Wahoo, Moonfish, Broadbill.