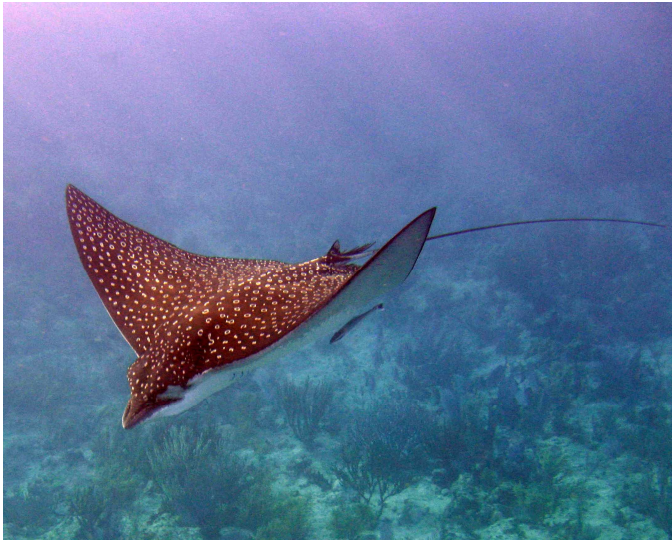




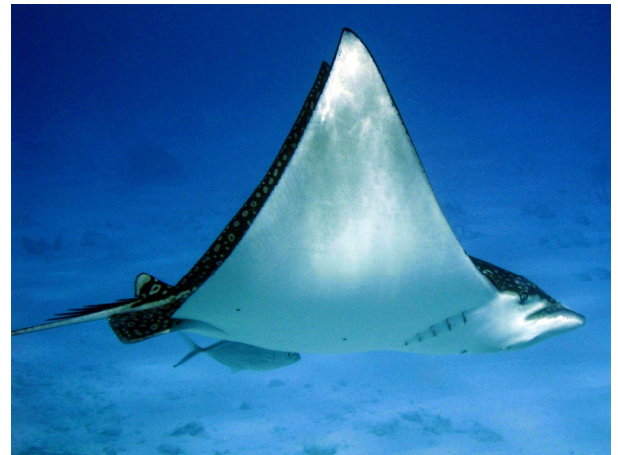
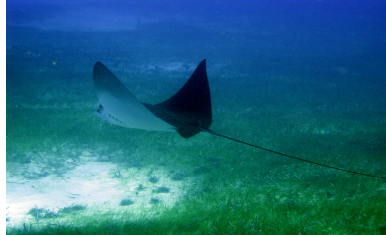
WHITE SPOTTED EAGLE RAYS: FACT SHEET



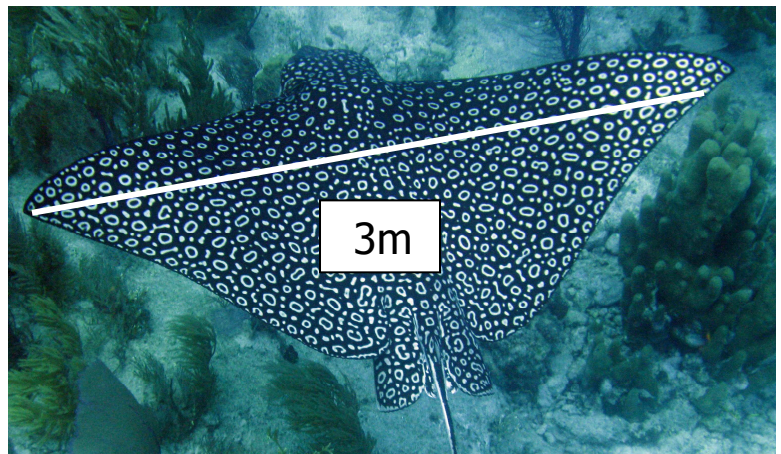
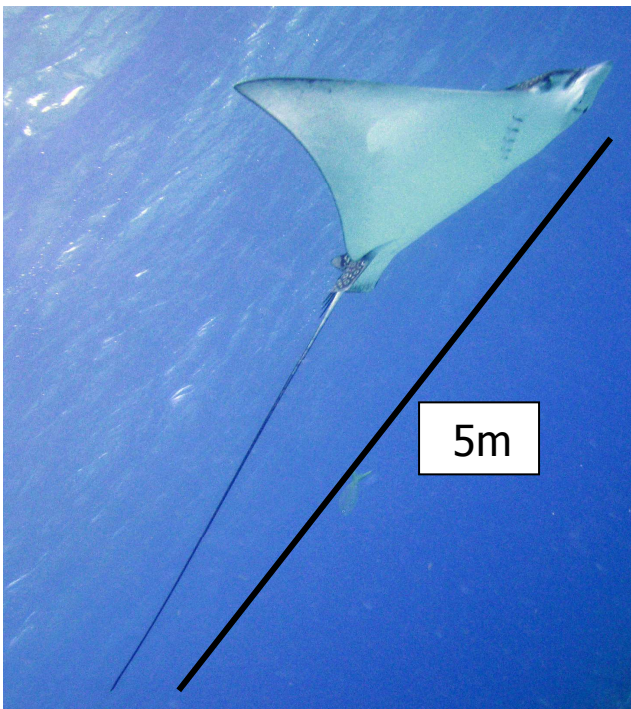
What do they eat? – Shelled animals like conch and oysters, small fish, sea urchins and even octopus!



Where do they live? -They spend their time in seagrass, reefs and sandy areas where they hunt for food but can also be seen in the open ocean.



How big are they? – Adult eagle rays can be up to 3m wide and 5m long including their tails. As big as a small car!



What eats them? – large sharks like the great hammerhead are their main predators.

When they are being chased by a shark they jump high in the air.



Are they dangerous? –

No. They do have poisonous spines on their tails which they use for defence but they are shy and not aggressive to humans.

Are they threatened? –

Yes. In some countries they are eaten and often are caught by accident in large fishing nets.



More cool facts:

- The mother will give birth to 1-4 live baby eagle rays which are around 30cm wide, only the size of a magazine!
- There are white spotted eagle rays all over the world in tropical seas.
- They have the largest brain compared to their body size of any fish!
- Each spotty pattern on their backs is unique like a 'fingerprint' which can be used to identify them!
- At some times of the year they form large groups called schools. Some people have seen up to 60 at a time!