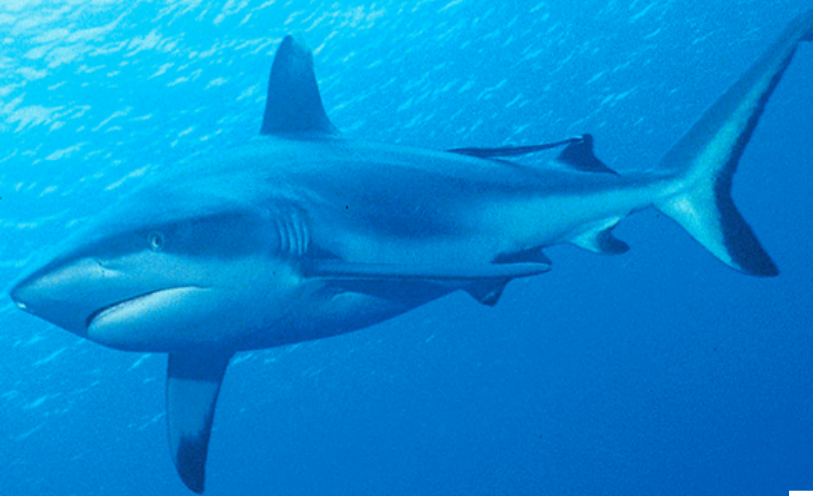


# Maldivian oceanic shark longline fishery



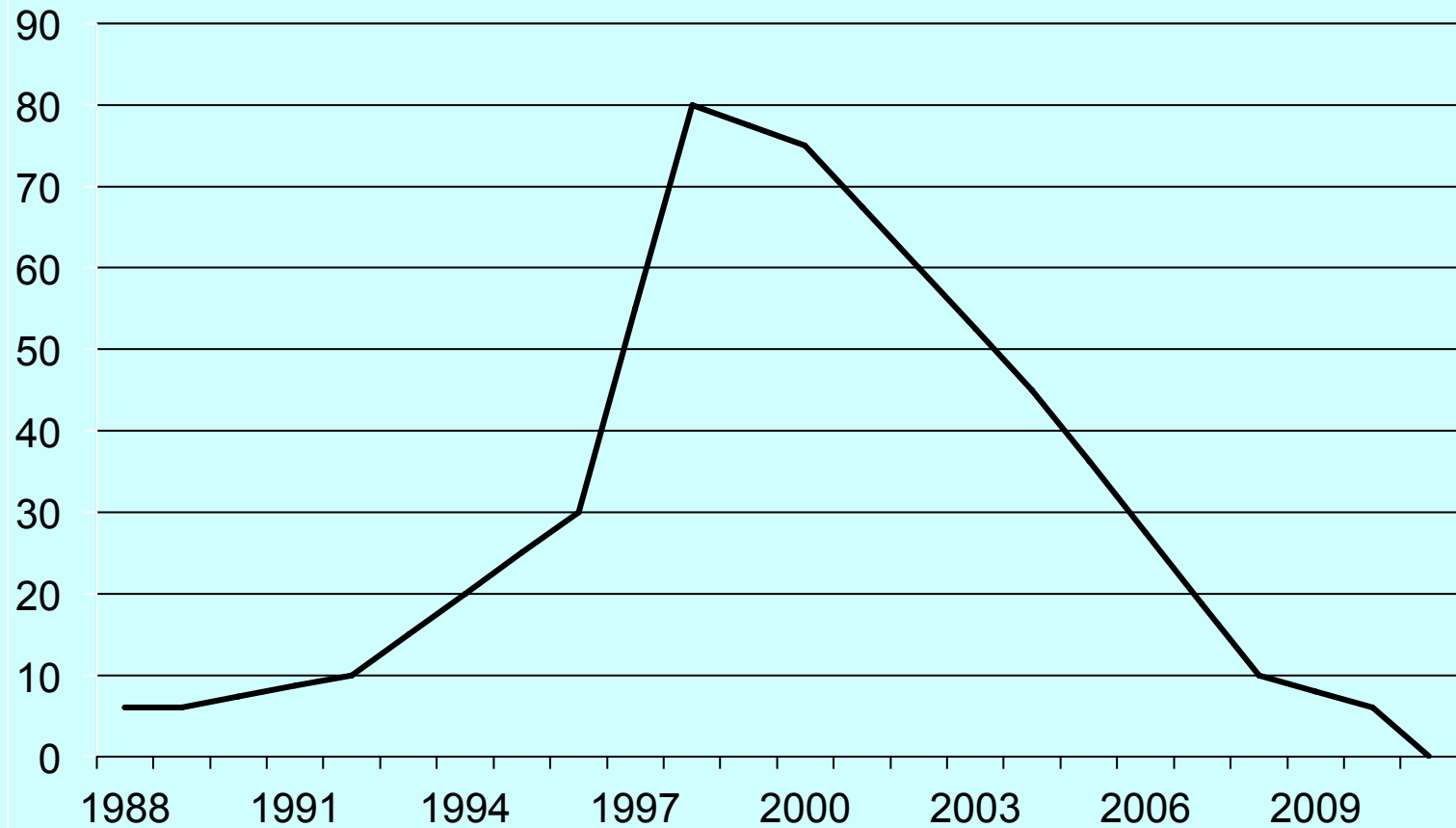
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# **Kulhudhuffushi (north Maldives)**

## **Shark longlining**



# No. shark fishing vessels

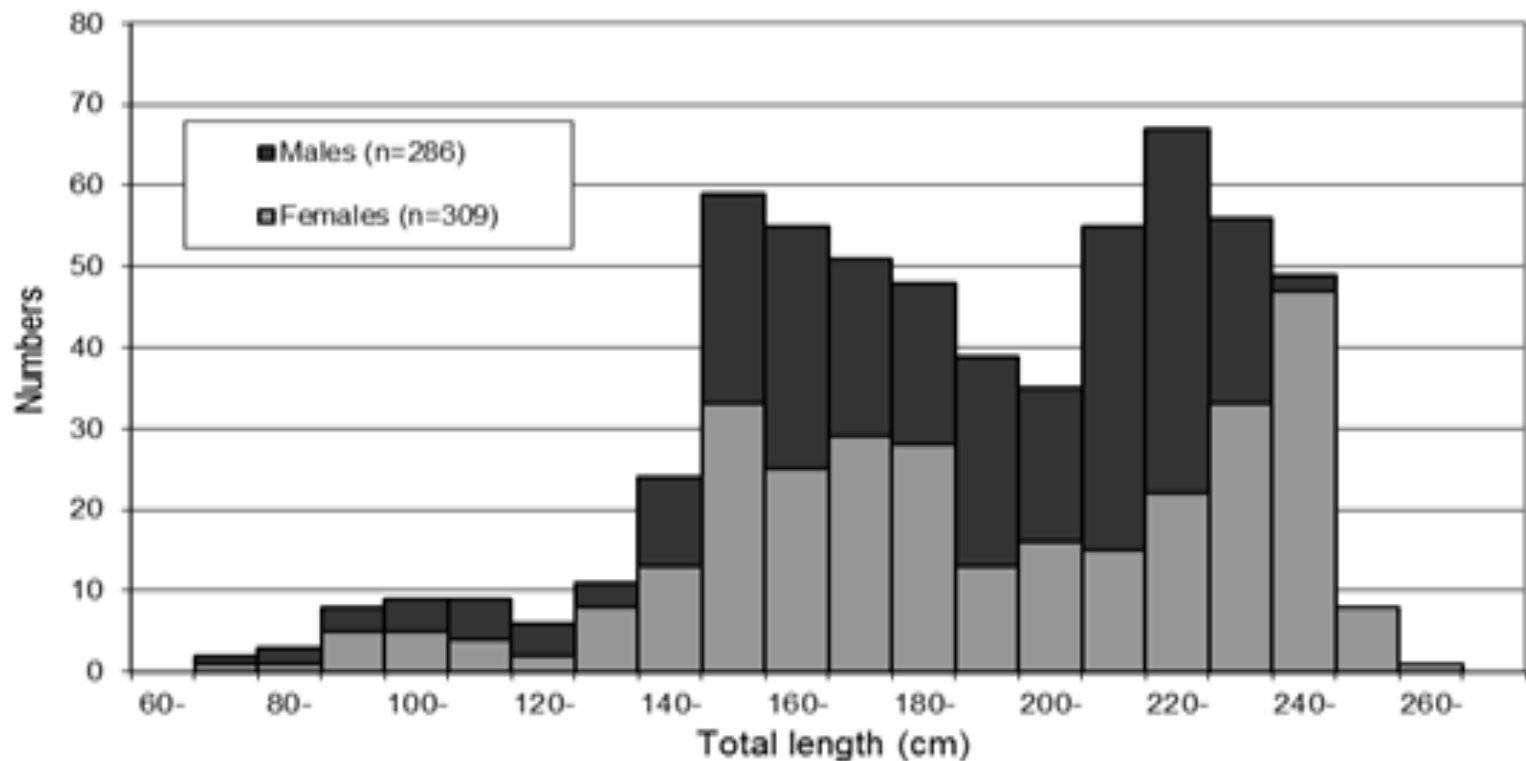


# Shark catches

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Silky shark</b>      | <b>84.3%</b> |
| <b>Oceanic whitetip</b> | <b>3.5%</b>  |
| <b>Blue shark</b>       | <b>3.4%</b>  |
| <b>Longfin mako</b>     | <b>2.9%</b>  |
| <b>Silvertip shark</b>  | <b>2.5%</b>  |
| <b>Tiger shark</b>      | <b>1.0%</b>  |
| <b>7 others</b>         | <b>2.4%</b>  |

# Silky Sharks

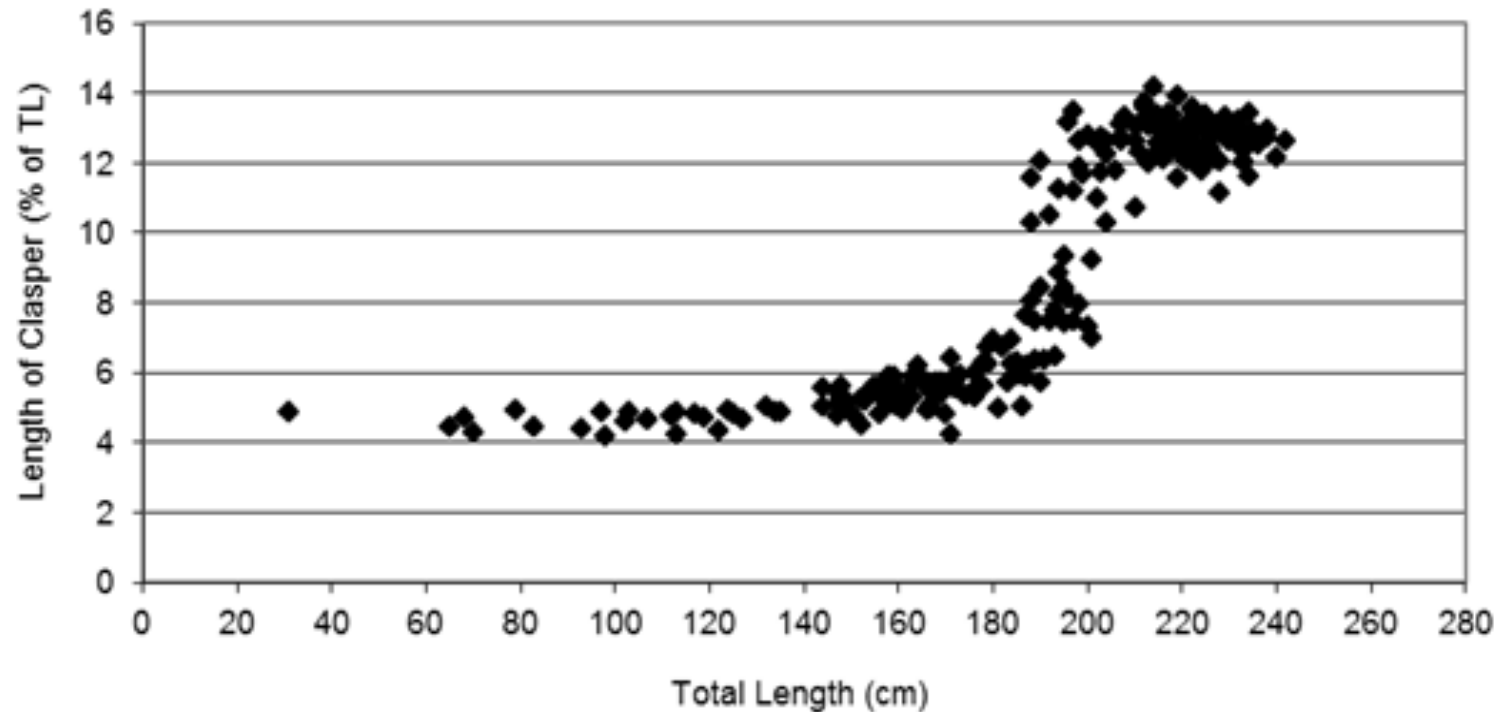
Fig. 2e. Silky Shark - Length frequency distribution of all sexed samples





# Silky Sharks

Fig. 3. Silky Shark - Relative length of male claspers



# Oceanic Whitetip Shark

- (1) Kulhudhuffushi fishermen report reduced catch rates**
- (2) 1987-88: 19.9% of catch  
2000-04: 3.5% of catch**
- (3) 1987-88: sightings common  
2009-10: sightings rare (zero in north)**