

Viewing Questions

Introduction

1. Who is the king of predators?
2. What is the name of the region that Cousteau's team travels to that is south of the Hawaiian Islands?
3. What is the name of the famous sunken volcano known for being a place where the greatest number of sharks can be found?
4. What do the powerful currents provide the area in the lagoon with?
5. Where does the Ocean Adventures team make its base camp?
6. Who is Yves Lefevre?
7. What are the names of the two main passes at Rangiroa?
8. Where in Rangiroa is the largest concentration of gray reef sharks found?
9. How many sharks does the guide think the team will see on this dive?

Rangiroa

1. How many feet down will the divers go to see the sharks?
2. Why is it important for the divers to stay together as a group during the dive?
3. How much time will the divers spend at the bottom?
4. What vital roles will the members of this team play?
5. What is the name of the first shark that approaches the team?
6. What does the shark do to ensure balance between shark and prey?
7. Who are the primary enforcers of the balance of a species becoming too depleted or overpopulated?
8. What species do the divers encounter midway to the bottom?
9. What do the team members find when they finally reach the bottom?
10. How long does it take for some female sharks to mature?
11. How long is the gestation period (the length of a pregnancy) of some sharks?

Longline fishing

1. The impact of longline fishing has been _____ both on the ocean and on the land.
2. How many residents live on the atoll on Rangiroa?
3. Why is Rangiroa's future dependent on fishing?
4. What does the president of the local fishermen's association think is the key to saving the future of Rangiroa?
5. How many fish did the fisherman used to catch every day just a few years ago?
6. How many fish does the fisherman catch every day now?
7. Why does the fisherman not see tuna anymore?
8. What does the fisherman think the government should do?
9. According to the fisherman, why are there so many squid present in the waters at Rangiroa?
10. How has the absence of large fish due to overfishing affected the local people's economic future?

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Night dive

1. What type of fish gathers and releases its sperm and eggs during the full moon?
2. What do the stripes on a fish do to a predator?
3. How do sharks breathe?
4. Why does the nurse shark not have to be moving around to breathe?
5. What plays an important part in the coral reef's food chain?

Fisheries

1. Describe the system set up at the fishery to catch fish.
2. What does Cousteau find inside one of the traps?
3. What happens after the fish are trapped?
4. What kind of material were the fisheries built with traditionally?
5. Small-scale fishing like this makes up _____ percent of the total commercial catch.
6. What are all the small-scale family fisheries called?
7. What do the fishermen do when they accidentally catch sharks?

Mating behaviors

1. What is the name of the shark that the divers find?
2. How do the males find females during their mating season?
3. Describe the mating ritual of this shark.
4. What has Cousteau spotted that has gone wrong?
5. Which species of shark will benefit from the female's death?
6. Why is the fate of the sharks at Rangiroa in danger?

Dolphin encounters

1. Which animals are the first to approach the divers?
2. What traits do humans share with dolphins?
3. How do sharks play a role with dolphins?
4. Which is another of the ocean's key predators?
5. What are the world's underwater rain forests known as?
6. "In the end nature will survive, but perhaps _____ won't."

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Great white dive

1. List some of the places where large numbers of great white sharks are found.
2. What is the name of the area that the team travels to in South Africa?
3. What species of seal draws the great white to the Cape of Good Hope?
4. What does Cousteau's guide tell us about how they started opening the shark's mouth?
5. How do sharks catch a seal?
6. What are the divers' real protections from the shark underwater?
7. What does the great white do when it spots the divers?
8. What is the key to not being attacked?
9. How many people do great whites attack every year?
10. Why do the great white attacks occur?
11. What surprised the divers about the shark?
12. How fast can a shark go?
13. How does the shark play a role in the Cape fur seal population?

African penguins

1. What percentage has the penguin population decreased by in the last century?
2. What are the greatest threats to the African penguin?
3. What trick does the penguin use to get the shark to go away?

Cousteau's dive and the concluding monologue

1. How does Cousteau approach the sharks?
2. What is found in shark fins that is a greater risk to humans than shark attacks?
3. What are the two myths that Cousteau and his team have dispelled for us?
4. By what percentage may the population of the hammerhead and the great white have fearfully declined by?
5. What does our future depend on?