

This comprehensive study of sharks of the Mediterranean Sea provides a great deal of information about shark biology, human-shark interactions, recent research, and ecology and conservation in the region. The authors cover classification, common names, morphology, size, reproduction, diet, habitat, distribution, behavior, status and references to source materials for 50 species. Illustrations include dozens of rare photos and detailed author drawings.

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Front cover: a blacktip shark (*Carcharhinus limbatus*) (photograph by Nicolas Barraqué)



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