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Shark-pups hatched at national aquarium released



Video: Darrin Zammit Lupi

Three shark-pups hatched at the Malta National Aquarium were this morning released into the sea at Cirkewwa.

The sharks are from the Nursehound species.

The sharks were hatched in a project undertaken with Sharklab-Malta.

Sharklab is currently carrying out research as part of data collection at the wholesale fish market in Valletta.

During this research species are seen and measured and checked to see if eggs are present.

When they are, the eggs are removed and placed in a controlled environment to support development through hatching.

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Joseph Debono · 2 years ago

If they eat somebody who will take responsibility?

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ivor scicluna → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago

the undertaker !!!!!!!!!!!

Bil-malti nsibuh bhala XKATLU!! Sigarett wiehed huwa aktar perikoluz.

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Wally Vella-zarb → ivor scicluna · 2 years ago

Gattarell tar-rukka = Nursehound, also known as Large spotted dogfish (Scyliorhinus stellaris)

Xkatlu = Angel shark (Squatina squatina)

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Ryan Gosden → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago

Nursehound sharks won't eat anyone not even in someone's wildest dreams.

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M Attard → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago

....the midwife

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Jo Borg → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago

The minister in charge lol

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D.A. Agius → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago

Brian, you need to get some shark education.

First of all, this is a species which remains relatively small, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N...> According to this article, they might grow up to 1.6m which is the average 14 year old.

Secondly, sharks in Mediterranean waters rarely if ever attack humans. We're not on their menu and had they to bite, we'd probably taste disgusting to them :)

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Adam Borg → D.A. Agius · 2 years ago

I still wouldn't want them to sample taste me lol

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D.A. Agius → D.A. Agius · 2 years ago

Watch this as well mate!

<http://www.quickmeme.com/p/3vs...>

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Tony Agius → D.A. Agius · 2 years ago

So you do not know the fact that years ago an English man was eaten by a big fish at St. Thomas Bay? Of course we are on their menu and taste good to them.

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Victor Laiviera → Tony Agius · 2 years ago

That was a great white shark.

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R. Azzopardi → Tony Agius · 2 years ago

And that happened ONCE in 1958. For Christ's sakes I have risked being run over by cars many more times in a much shorter period of time!

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R. Azzopardi → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago


I advise you to check your facts. First of all, the sea is the realm of sea creatures not of human beings. If you're scared of being eaten, no problem. Stay out of the sea and let others enjoy it. By any chance, am I right in saying that your contact with the sea is done via a sandy beach, once a week during July and August (not before because your kids are forbidden from going for a swim for fear of catching cold or getting sunburnt before school its out)? I can tell that you don't know the slightest thing about the sea so please keep your dumb comments to yourself and let us who enjoy marine environment come rain or shine come up with comments. These sharks could be great whites for all I care. They were created to be in the sea and that's where they should be.


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Carmen Borg → R. Azzopardi · 2 years ago


 **Agreed!** Brian if you don't want to be burned don't stick your hand in the fire!
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 **R Curmi** → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago
lol stop watching movies mate and come back to reality
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 **Pierre Galea** → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago
There is more risk to die of a bite from a hippopotamus in Malta than to be attacked by these lovely fish.
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 **D. K. Mifsud** → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago
are you serious? humans are the outsiders in the sea, not the fish!!!!
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 **Guest** → Joseph Debono · 2 years ago
The shark of course. The shark police will catch it and put it in shark jail, unless it pays 20,000 seashells fine.
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 **Peter Petrov** → Guest · 2 years ago
And that will be after a 2-year suspended sentence let's not forget
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 **D. Vella** · 2 years ago
You better be careful from the two legged sharks my friend!!
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 **Max Galea** · 2 years ago
Good initiative to release a few sharks, sadly its a lot of money and effort gone wasted because probably they are already death by now (eaten by other fish)


Such money and effort could have been used on more productive conservation projects.
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 **Godfrey Pisani** · 2 years ago
Well done . !
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 **Stephen Frendo** · 2 years ago
These sharks are unharmed. Most dangerous sharks are on land!
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 **luke cauchi** · 2 years ago
Mux hekk uwx issa jekk nispiċċaw qas nistaw nġummu go lisbah bahar fid dinja min ha jerfa r responsabilita..?? importanti ... it turisti jigu ghawnekk habba dan il bahar ibqaw sejrin hekk!!! -.-'
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 **R Curmi** → luke cauchi · 2 years ago
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 **Peter Bonello** → luke cauchi · 2 years ago
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 **Peter Bonello** · 2 years ago
for God's sake... whoever thinks these sharks will become maniac man eaters, please make a bit of research. From wikipedia... " A benthic predator, it feeds on a range of bony fishes, smaller sharks, crustaceans, and cephalopods." These are harmless fish, we kill tens of thousands of them so returning a couple back to the sea does not really do us justice. Whoever mentioned the attack in St Thomas, that was a much larger fish... and what would you want? empty the sea of all potentially dangerous animals? TRhe sea is their realm not ours!!
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