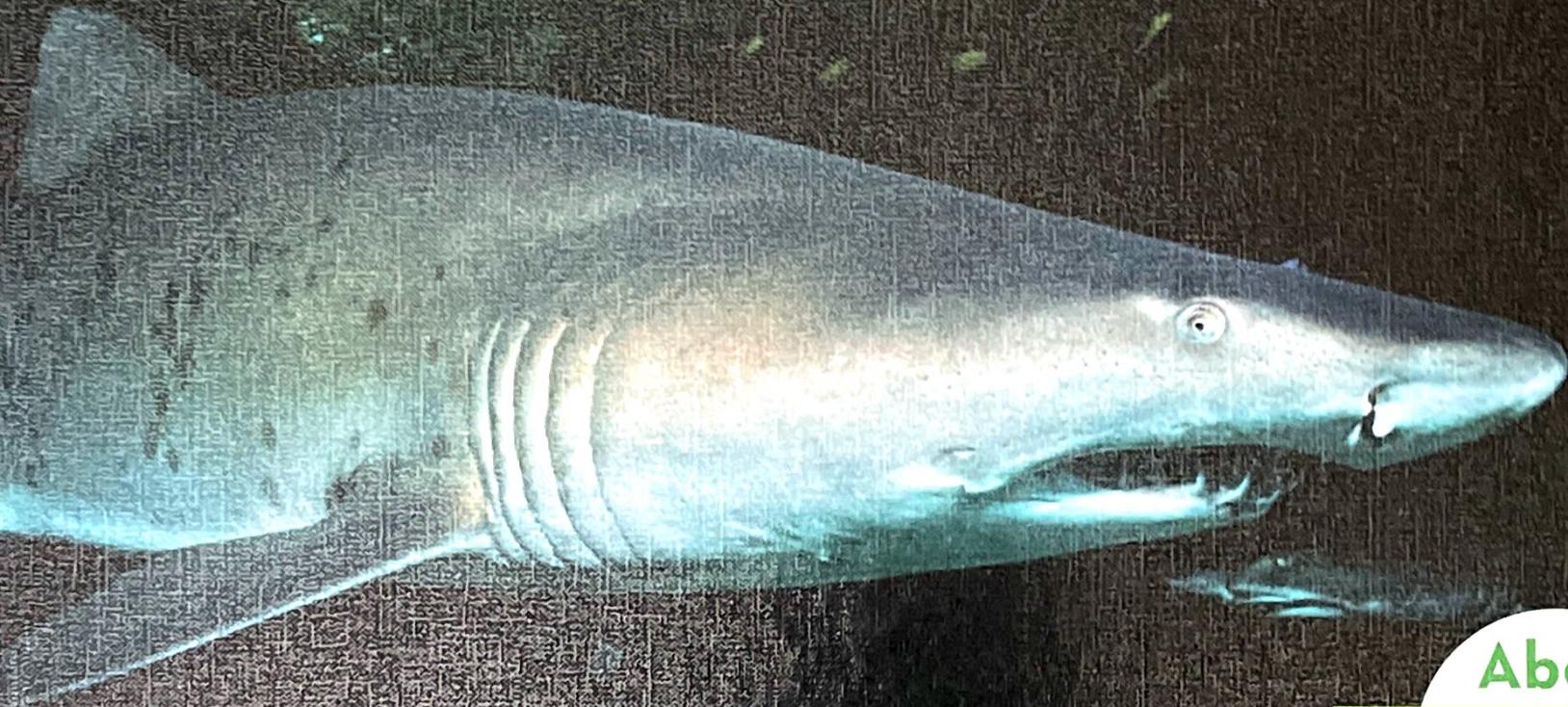


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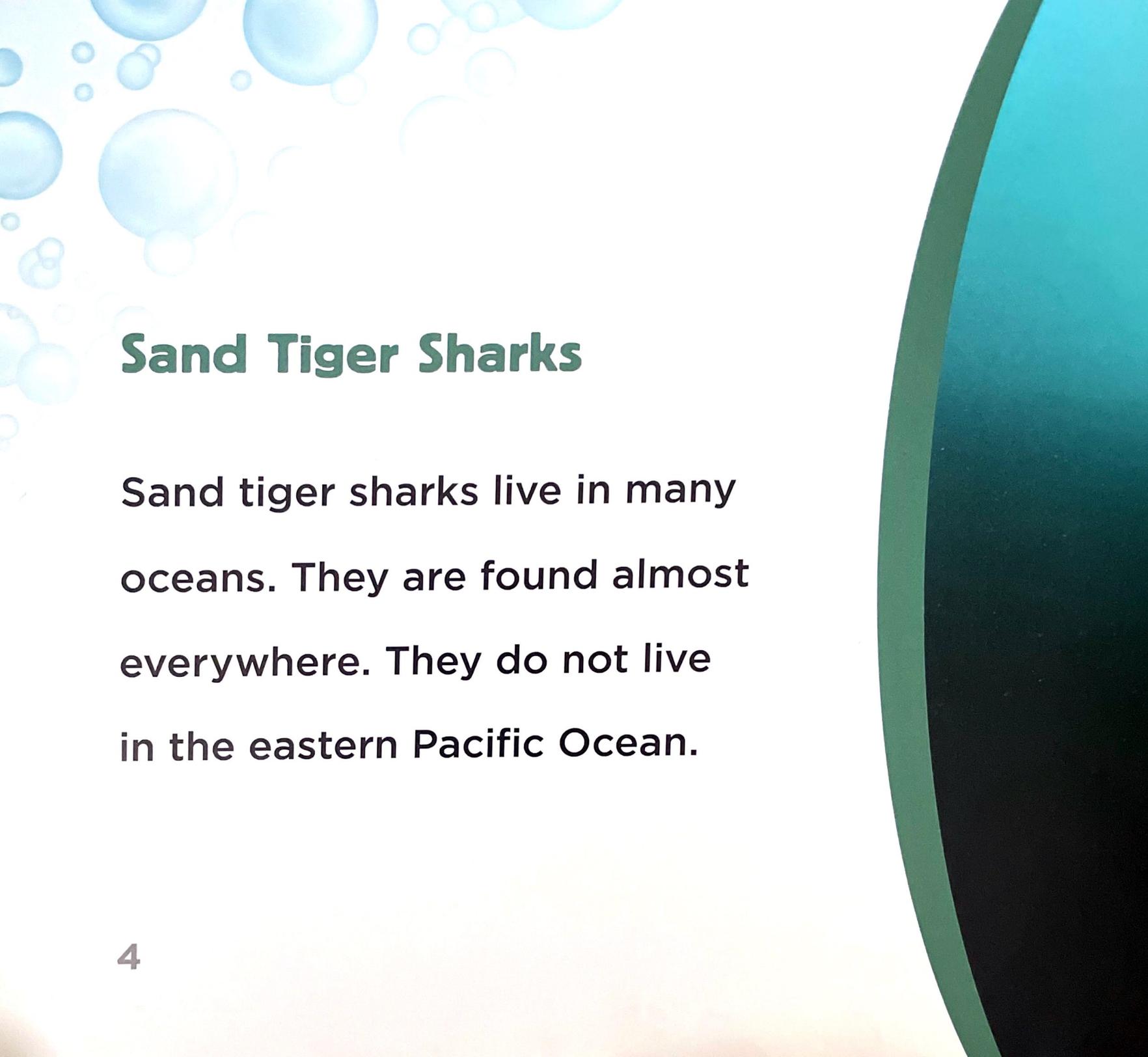
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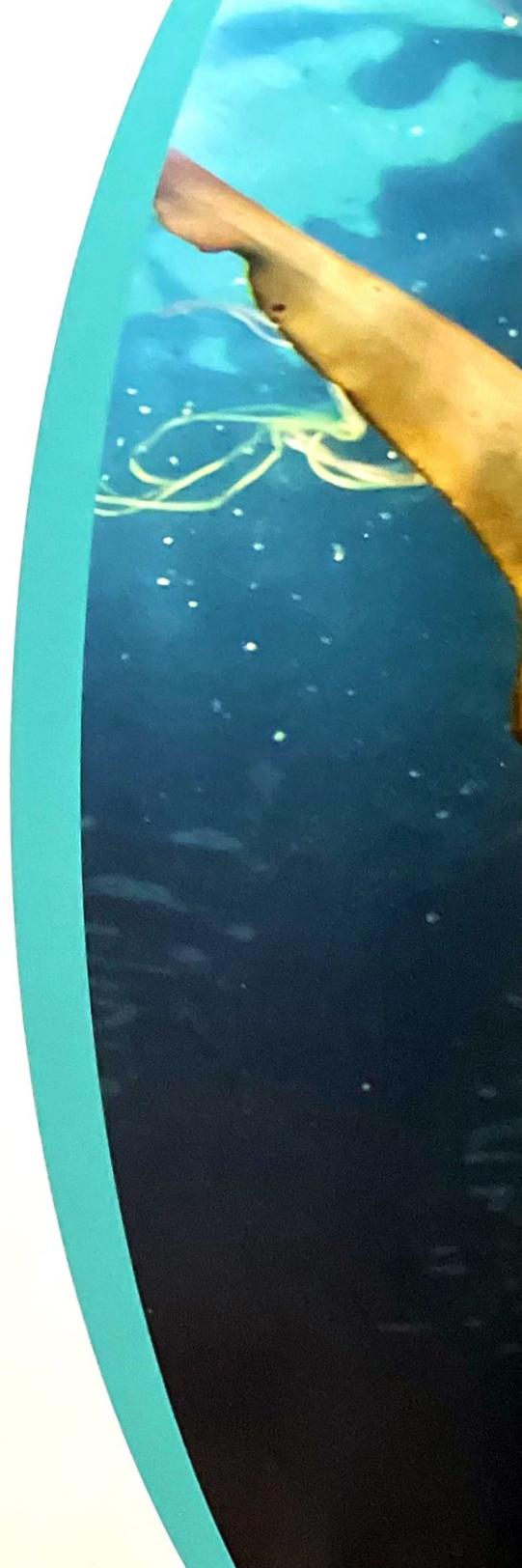
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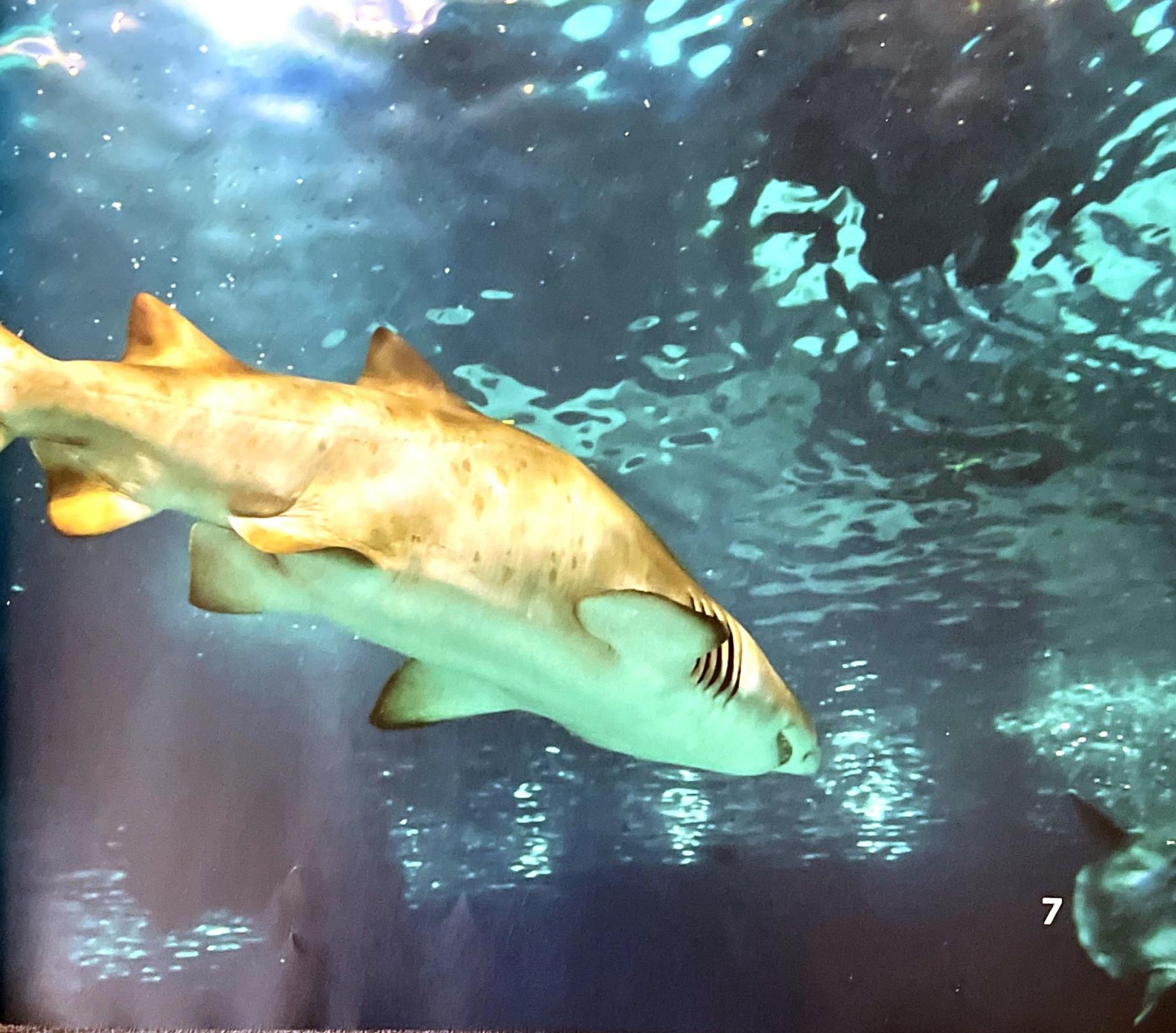
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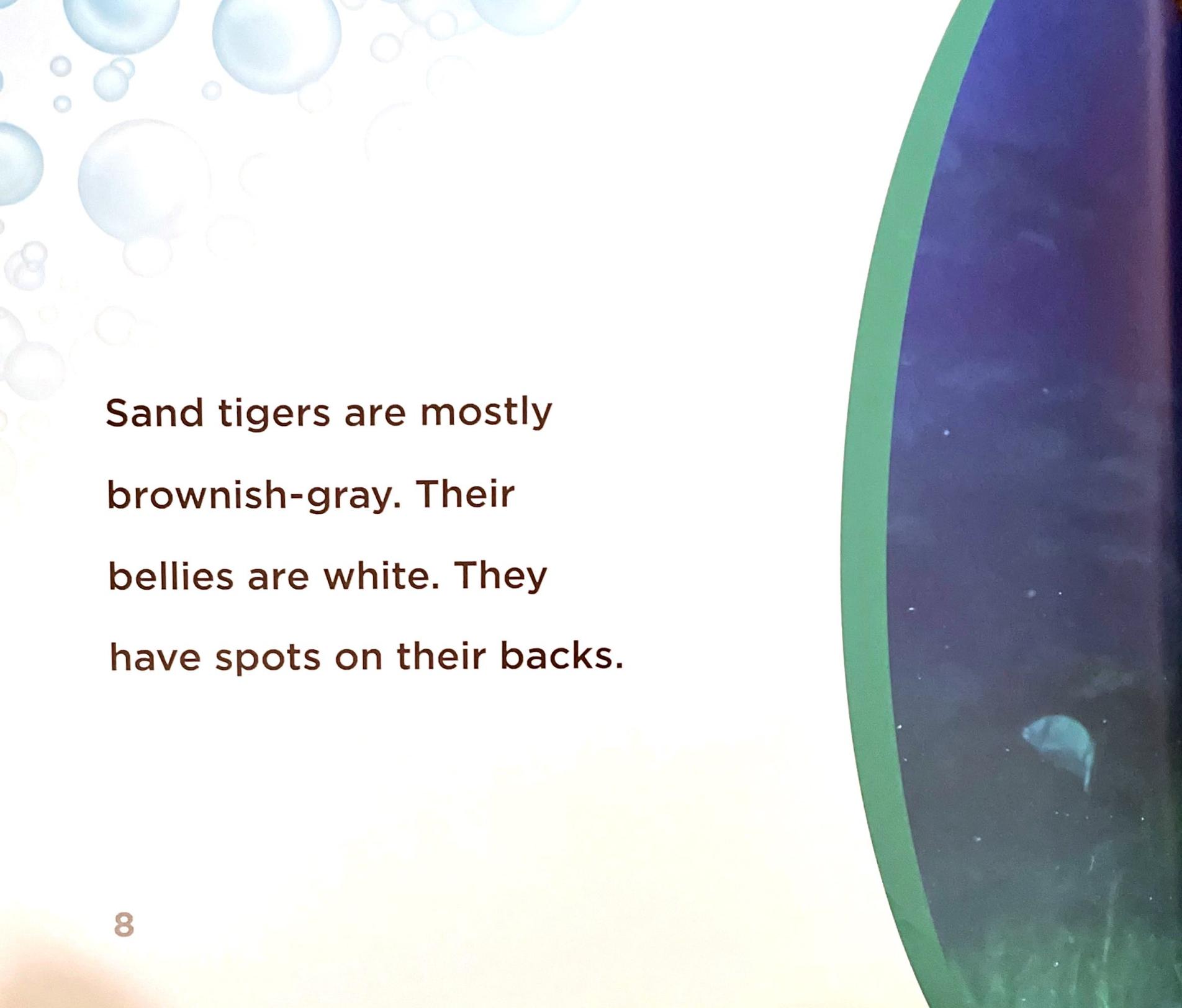




**Sand tigers prefer warm
waters. They spend most
of their time near shore.**





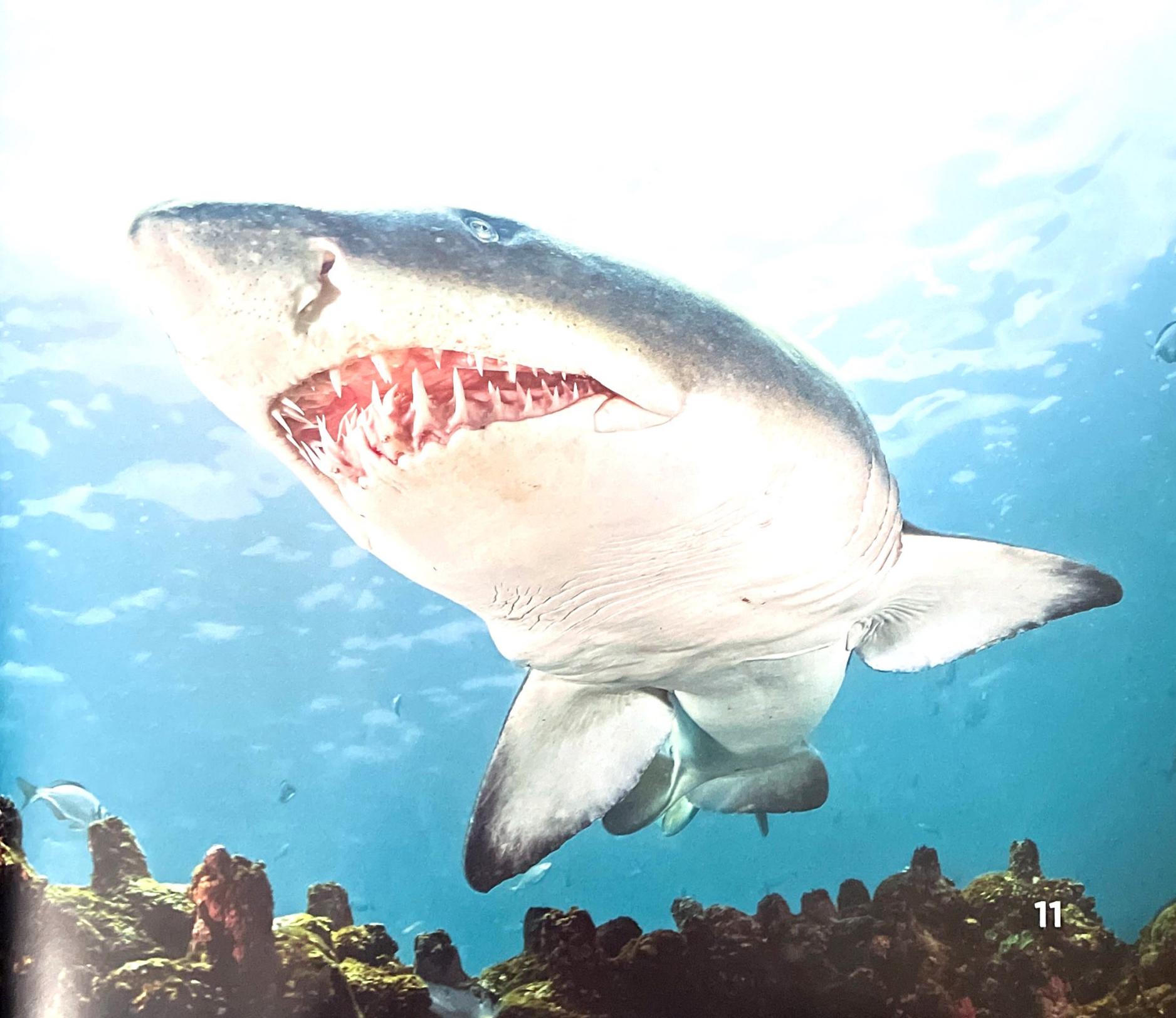


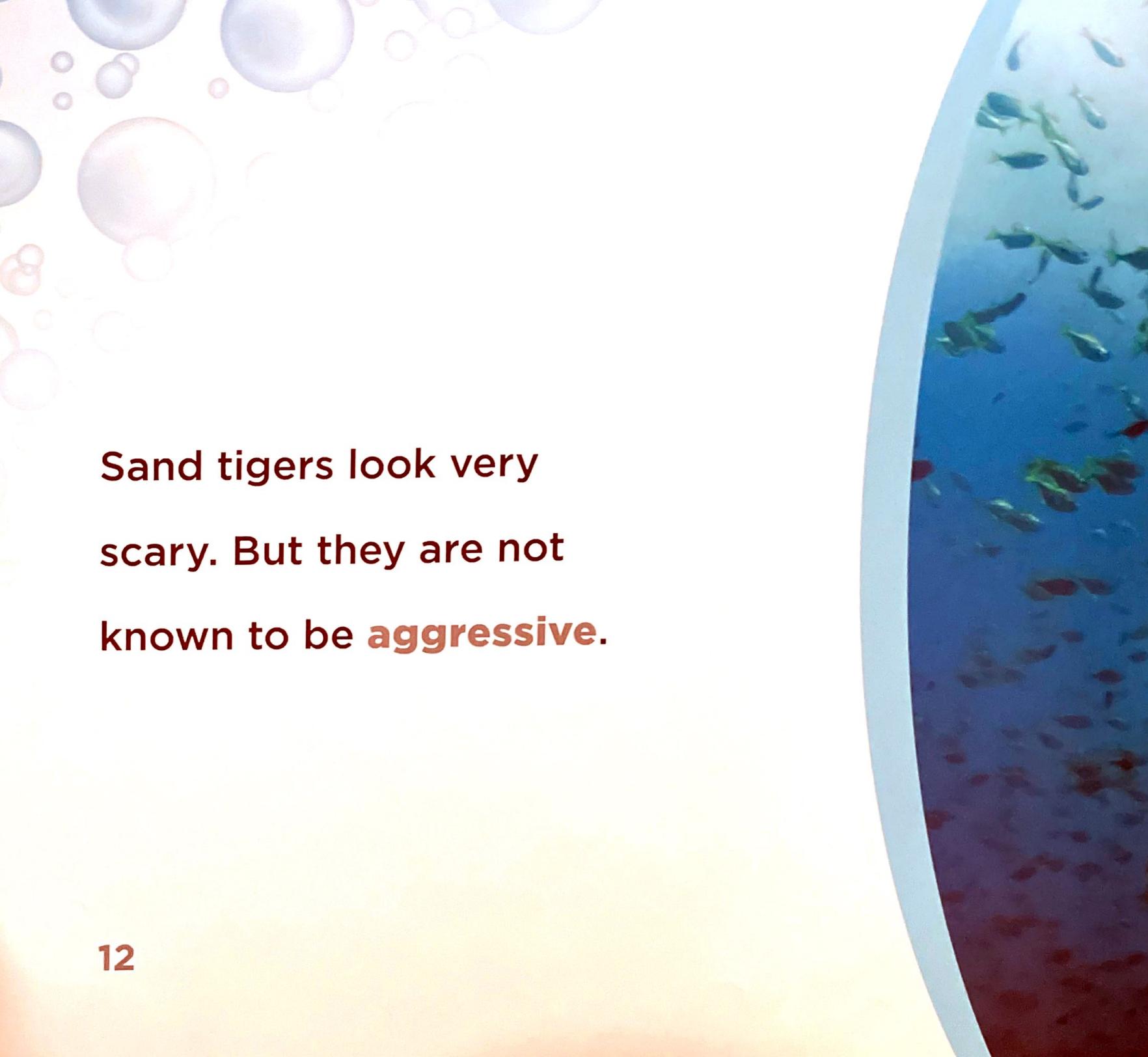
**Sand tigers are mostly
brownish-gray. Their
bellies are white. They
have spots on their backs.**



Sand tigers look different from other sharks. Their noses are cone-shaped. Their teeth poke out of their mouths.

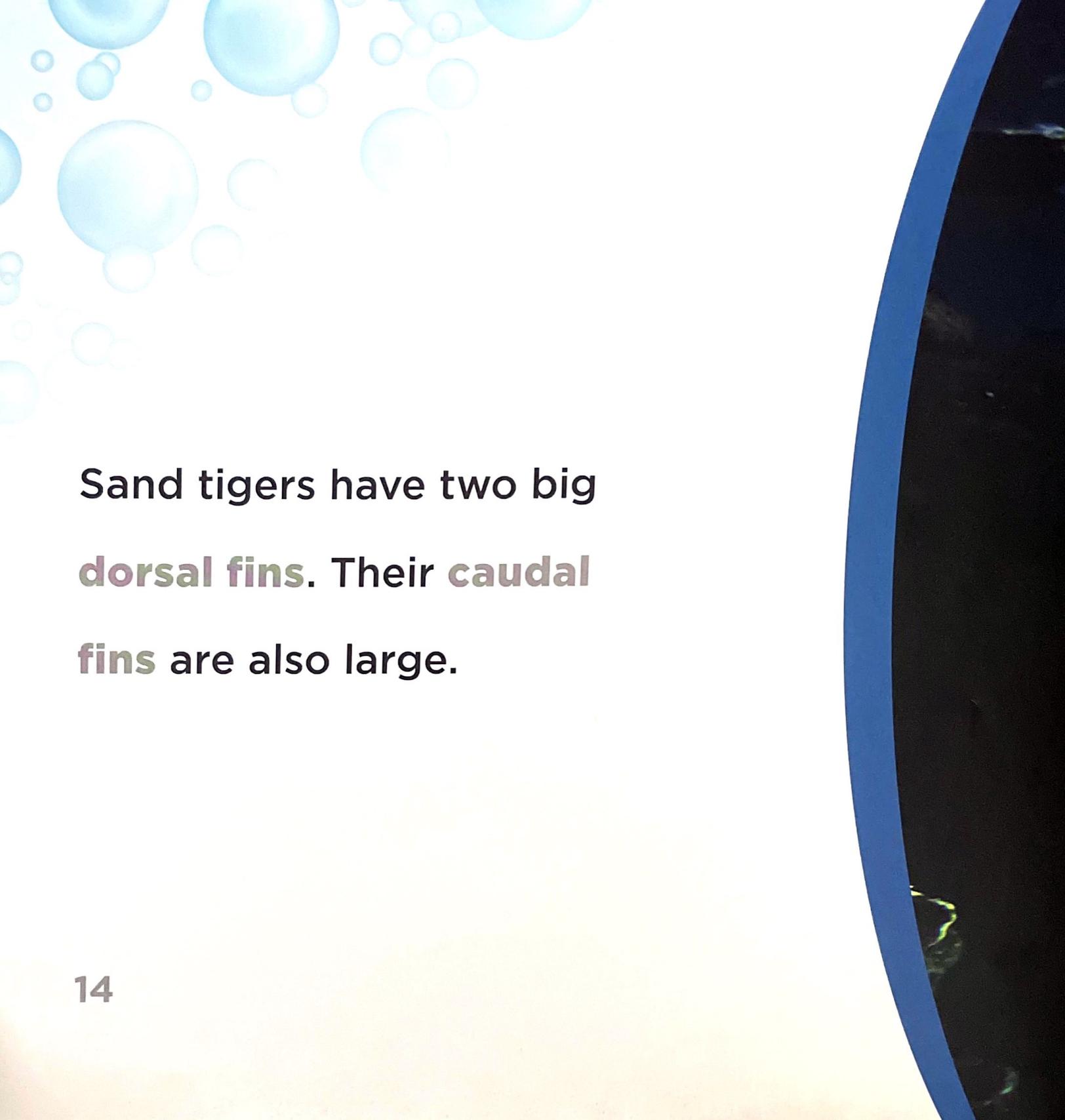




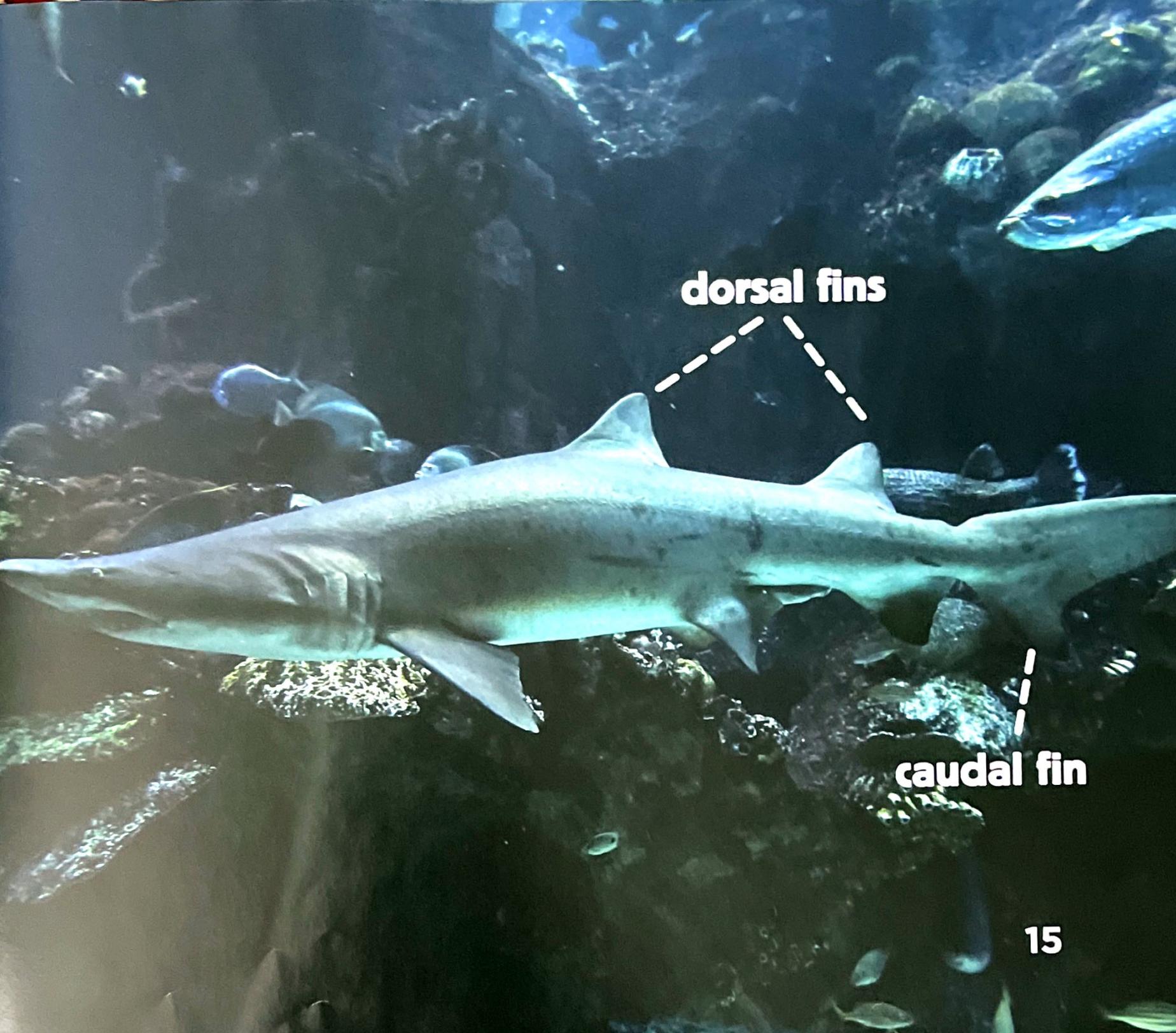
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Sand tigers look very scary. But they are not known to be **aggressive**.





Sand tigers have two big **dorsal fins**. Their **caudal fins** are also large.



dorsal fins



caudal fin





Food & Hunting

Sand tigers sometimes hunt in groups. They mostly eat small fish. They also eat crabs and squid.

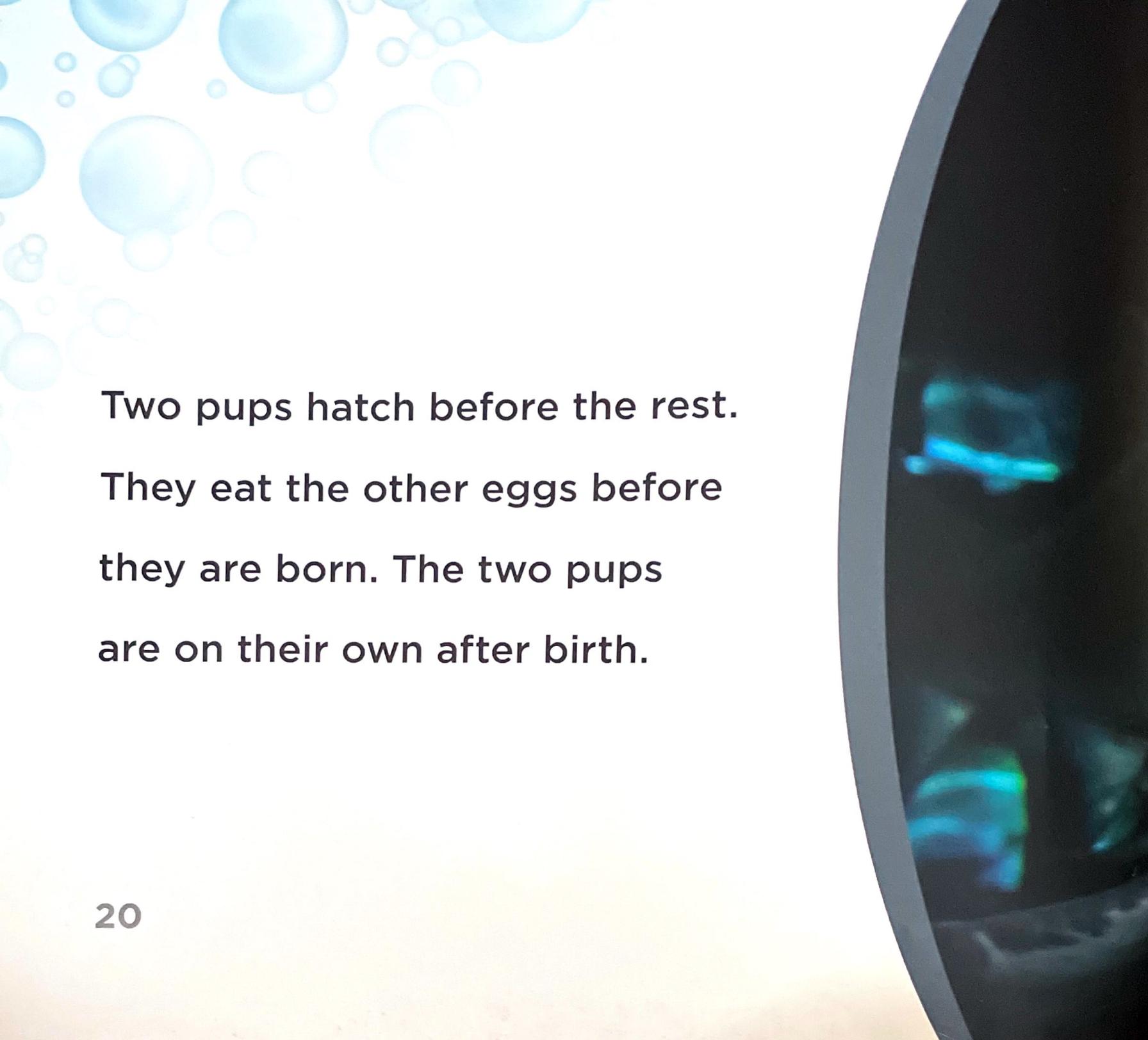




Baby Sand Tiger Sharks

Sand tigers give birth to live young called pups. Pups begin as eggs inside of the mother. Some grow faster than others.





Two pups hatch before the rest.
They eat the other eggs before
they are born. The two pups
are on their own after birth.



More Facts

- Sand tiger sharks swallow air. They hold the air in their stomachs. This is so they can float motionless in the water.
- “Sand” is in their name because they like to be in shallow water near shore. “Tiger” is in their name because they really like to eat!
- Because only two pups survive to birth, sand tiger sharks have the lowest birth numbers of any shark.

Glossary

aggressive - ready or likely to attack.

caudal fin - the tail fin of a shark.

dorsal fin - the triangular fin on the back of a shark.

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