MIOCENE SHARK TEETH
From Around the Chesapeake Bay

Shark teeth are and shape vary widely with the kind of shark, its maturity, and position of the tooth within the mouth. The most common shark teeth form are triangular with shallow, irregular, or smooth edges. The form, relative size, and color of a shark's tooth designations are based on the appearance of the infamously feared species.

**More than 50 species of small marine organisms, including mollusks, fish, turtles, echinoderms, sharks, and rays, have been identified from the Miocene.**

**Mako Shark**
*Isurus oxyrinchus*

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**Tiger Sharks**
*Galeocerdo cuvieri* and *Galeocerdo cuvier*

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**Sand Tiger Sharks**
*Carcharias taurus*

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**Hammerhead Sharks**
*Sphyrna lewini*

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**Cownose Ray**
*Rhinoptera bonasus*

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**Giant White Shark**
*Carcharodon carcharias*

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**Stingrays**
*Urobatis jamaicensis*

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**Angel Sharks**
*Squatina squatina*

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**Thresher Sharks**
* Alopias vulpinus*

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**Cow Sharks**
*Carcharhinus leucas*

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**Scalloped Hammerhead**
*Sphyra lewini*

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**Balaenoptera physalus**

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