AWARE Shark Conservation
Knowledge Review

Answer the following questions. Your instructor will review your answers with you.

1. What are the unique physical attributes of sharks that can be used to tell them apart from bony fish?

    a.

    b.

    c.

2. Fill in the missing information in the following table.

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List Review of 1044 Shark, Ray and Chimaera Species		
Critically Endangered	2%	
	4%	Very high risk of extinction in the wild
Vulnerable		High risk of extinction in the wild
	13%	Close to qualifying or likely to qualify for a threatened category in the near future
Least Concern	23%	Not qualifying as _____ including widespread and abundant species
Data Deficient	47%	

3. List the life history traits that make sharks vulnerable to overfishing.

    a.

    b.

    c.

    d.

4. List three reasons why sharks are important to marine ecosystems.

    a.

    b.

    c.

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentence:

    _____ is the main cause of the rapid decline in shark populations. It is mostly due to overfishing that many shark species are threatened with _____ .

6. List three key management strategies that can protect sharks.

    a.

    b.

    c.

7. Name two ways in which sharks contribute to local economies.

    a.

    b.