

Sharks of False Bay

The Save Our Seas Foundation Shark Education Centre connects the public to the ocean through experiential education programmes focused on sharks and local marine ecosystems, in order to nurture awareness, encourage environmentally responsible actions and develop a healthy respect for sharks.



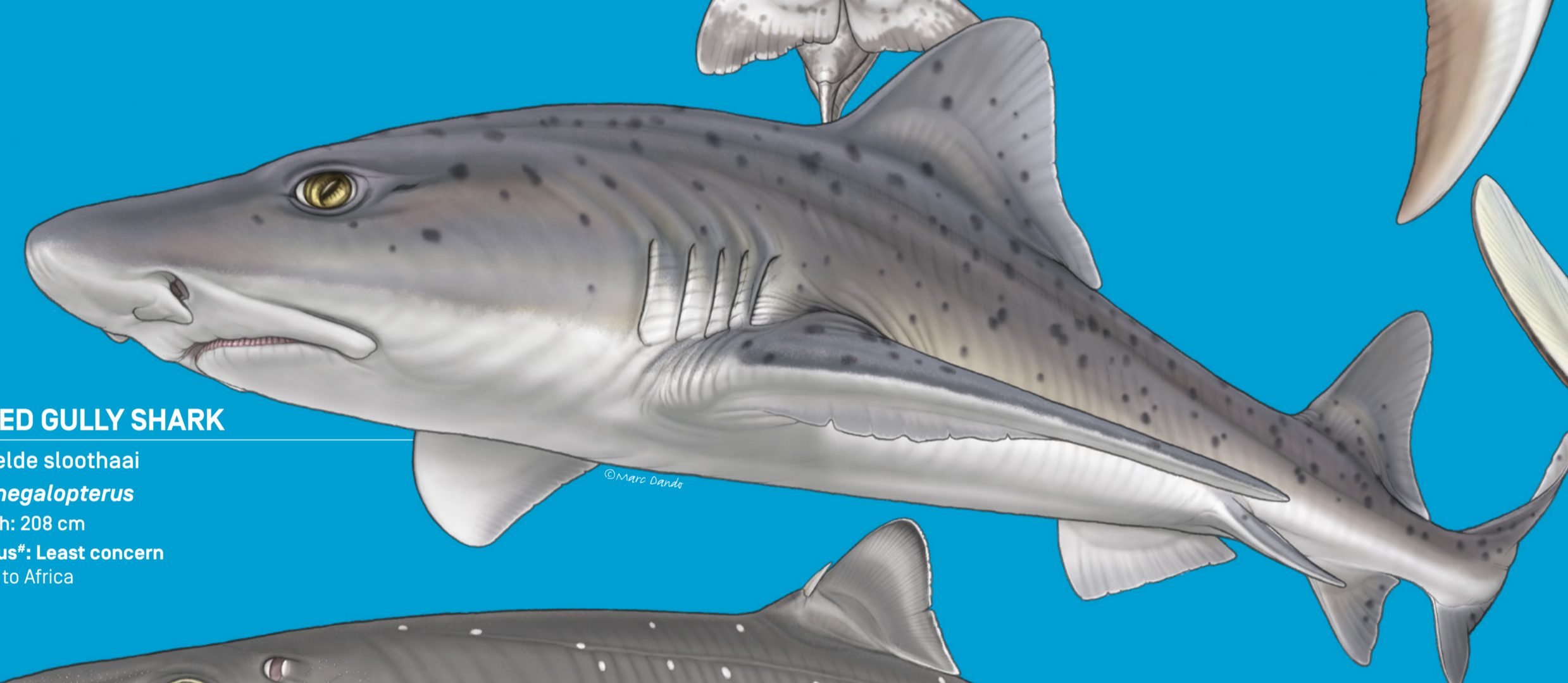
SPOTTED/BROADNOSE SEVENGILL COWSHARK
Platneus sewekieffhaai
Notorynchus cepedianus
Max. length: 296 cm
IUCN status*: Vulnerable
Wide distribution



BRONZE WHALER
Koperhaai
Carcharhinus brachyurus
Max length: 294 cm
IUCN status*: Vulnerable
Wide distribution



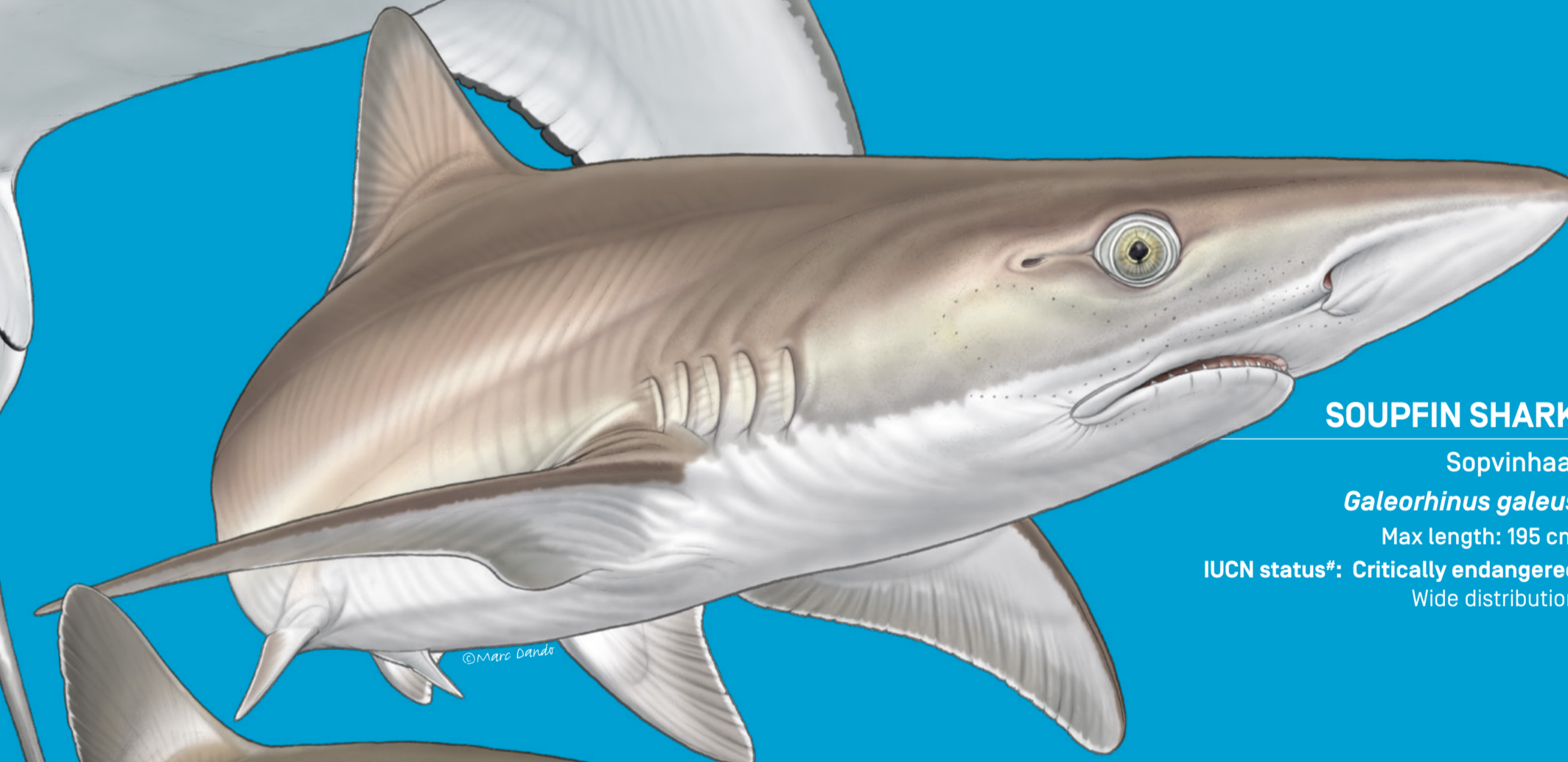
WHITE SHARK
Grootwithaai
Carcharodon carcharias
Max length: 600 cm
IUCN status*: Vulnerable
Wide distribution



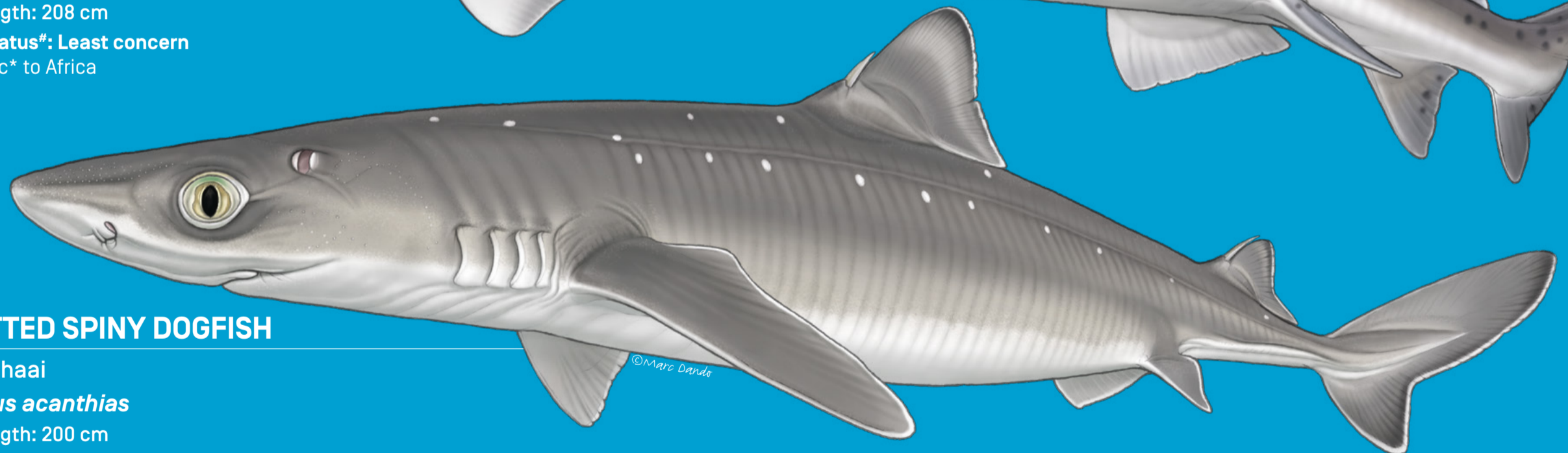
SPOTTED GULLY SHARK
Gespikkelde sloothaai
Triakis megalopterus
Max length: 208 cm
IUCN status*: Least concern
Endemic* to Africa



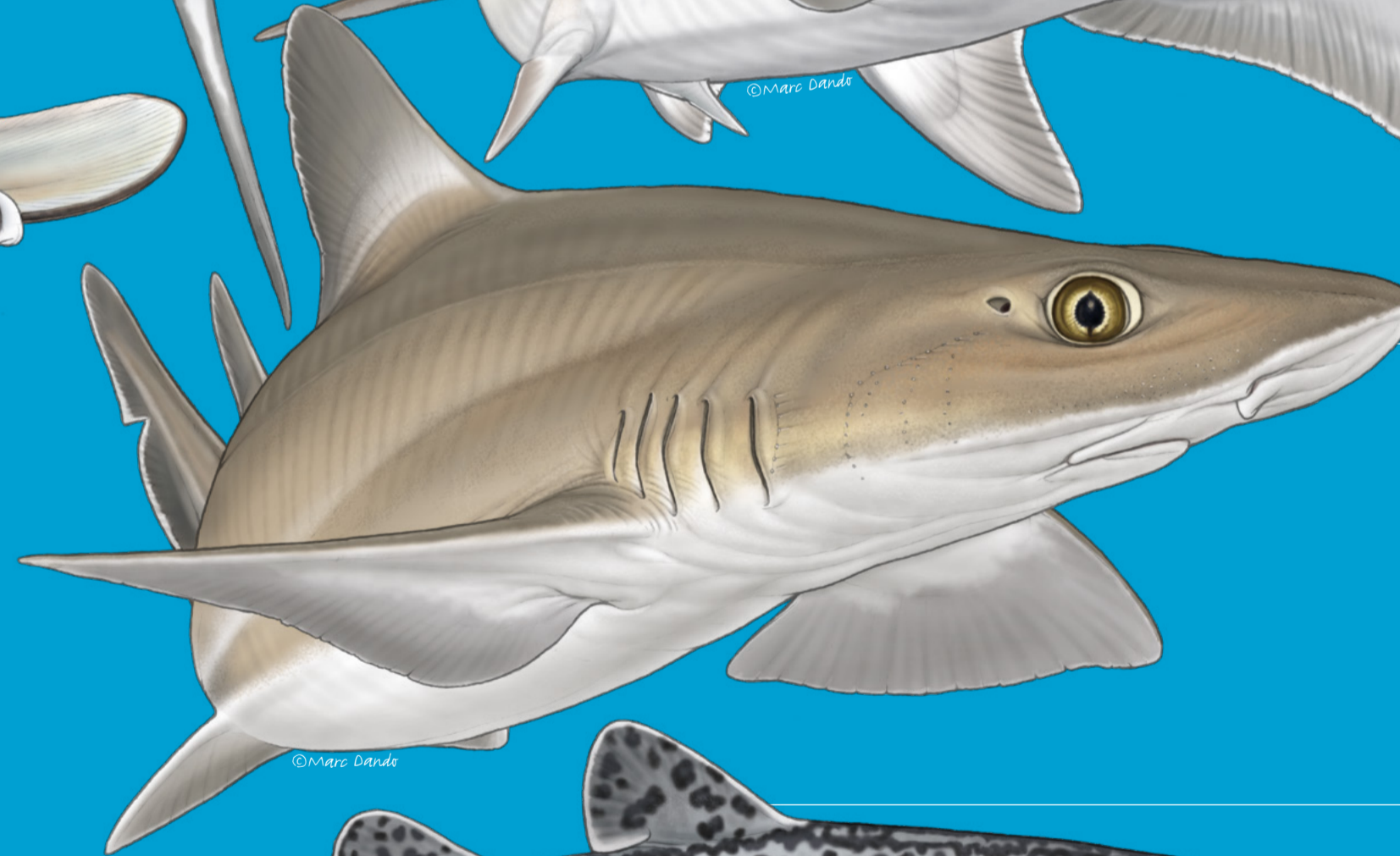
SAINT JOSEPH SHARK
Josefhaai
Callorhynchus capensis
Max length: 120 cm
IUCN status*: Least concern
Endemic* to Africa



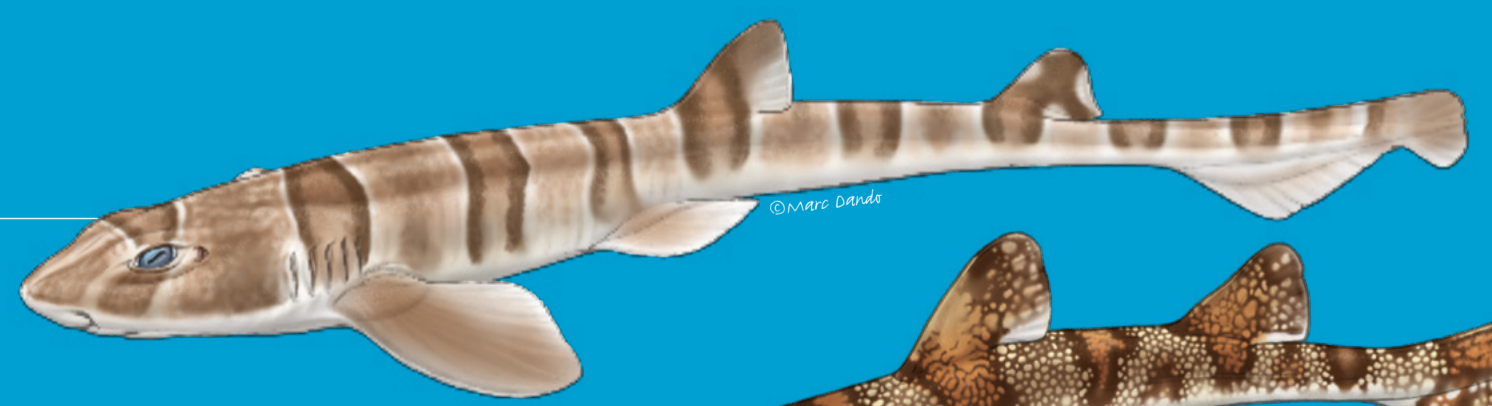
SOUPFIN SHARK
Sopvinhaai
Galeorhinus galeus
Max length: 195 cm
IUCN status*: Critically endangered
Wide distribution



SPOTTED SPINY DOGFISH
Doringhaai
Squalus acanthias
Max length: 200 cm
IUCN status*: Vulnerable
Wide distribution



SMOOTH-HOUND SHARK
Gladde hondhaai
Mustelus mustelus
Max length: 164 cm
IUCN status*: Endangered
Wide distribution



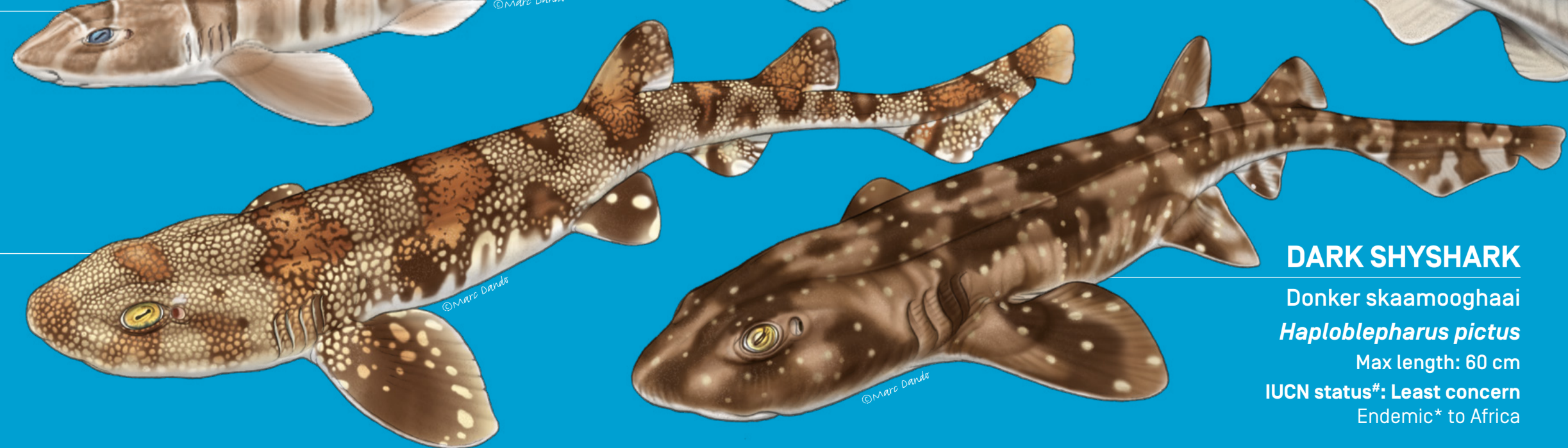
TIGER CATSHARK
Tierkathaai
Halaelurus natalensis
Max length: 50 cm
IUCN status*: Vulnerable
Endemic* to South Africa



DARK SHYSHARK
Donker skaamooghaai
Haploblepharus pictus
Max length: 60 cm
IUCN status*: Least concern
Endemic* to Africa



PYJAMA CATSHARK
Streephaai
Poroderma africanum
Max length: 97 cm
IUCN status*: Least concern
Endemic* to Africa



PUFFADDER SHYSHARK
Pofadder skaamooghaai
Haploblepharus edwardsii
Max length: 60 cm
IUCN status*: Endangered
Endemic* to South Africa

LEOPARD CATSHARK
Luiperd kathaai
Poroderma pantherinum
Max length: 77 cm
IUCN status*: Least concern
Endemic* to Africa

These 13 species are the most common sharks found in False Bay, Cape Town, South Africa. *The International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species indicates the global conservation status of a species. Species are divided into one of the following categories: Not evaluated, Data deficient, Least concern, Near threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically endangered, Extinct in the wild and Extinct. *Endemic sharks are those which are found only in one geographic region.