

Stingrays are some of the most unusual animals in the ocean. They are directly related to the shark, and have similar characteristics, such as having no bones and being made up of cartilage.



- These unique fish have a carnivorous diet and have an average life span of 15 to 25 years! <u>Stingrays</u> can also grow up to 6.5 feet, and weight up to 790 pounds.
- Ancient Greek dentists used the venom from a stingray's spine as anesthetic.
- Like its shark relatives, the stingray is outfitted with electrical sensors called ampullae of Lorenzini. Located around the stingray's mouth, these organs sense the natural electrical charges of potential prey.
- Stingrays are commonly found in the shallow coastal waters of temperate seas.
 They spend the majority of their time inactive, partially buried in sand, often moving only with the sway of the tide.