



## **Bamboo Shark**

GROUP/PHYLUM: Vertebrate

**COLOR:** Brown and white bands when young. Grey brown when mature.

MOVEMENT: Swimming - Tail (caudal fin) and pectoral fins for direction Can

also use pectoral fins to 'crawl' along the sea floor

**TEXTURE:** Hard - Rough - Flexible

SHAPE: Elongated - sleek for swimming

**HOW IT EATS:** Powerful, crushing teeth

WHAT IT EATS: A bottom feeder, eating shell fish, crabs & prawns

**DEFENCE**: Uses its banded colouring when young to camouflage

JOB: Eating dead animals off the sea floor - cleaning up!

OLE'S FAST FACTS An opening below each eye allows water to flow over the gills, enabling them to breath as well as rest still on the sea floor

Bamboo sharks are oviparous; which means they

lay eggs!

