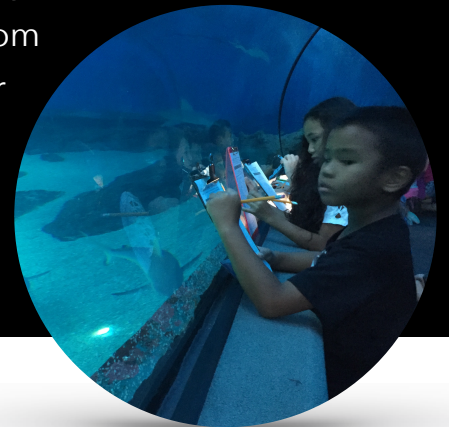




# A Digital Bus Project for Fifth Grade SHARKS OF HAWAII

**Objective:** *Students will explore the anatomy and physiology of sharks through dissections, as well as their societal misunderstandings. An aquarium visit will introduce them to the behavior and ecology of Hawaii's sharks.*

Sharks are one of the most misunderstood animals. They have been vilified by media and Hollywood as mindless man eating predators, causing fear and panic worldwide. Although they are the oceans top predators, and incidents of human injury and fatality do occur, their labels as man-eaters couldn't be further from the truth. Shark population worldwide is down nearly 90%. Their role is imperative in the ecological balance of the oceans. This project aims at separating myth from fact, and establishing a better understanding about sharks, which is essential to slowing their population decline.



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| <b>Locations</b>     | Classroom, Maui Ocean Center   |
| <b>Duration</b>      | Half day per class (if campus only); Two days per two classes (if MOC is selected)         |
| <b>Cost</b>          | Ocean center entrance and school bus fees. (Financial assistance available by application) |
| <b>Prerequisites</b> | None   |
| <b>NGSS DCI</b>      | 5-LS2; 5-ESS3  |

