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# Gulf of Mexico Shark Field Sheet

The Gulf of Mexico hub is already strong enough to support a selective printable field sheet for readers, students, and local outreach. The value comes from keeping the regional shortlist calm and usable instead of pretending the printable is a complete Gulf catalog.

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### Start from an existing strong regional hub

This works because the Gulf of Mexico page already has clearer shape than most region-based landings on the site.

### Keep the shortlist curated

A field sheet stays useful when it highlights a few clear Gulf routes instead of trying to list every possible shark in the region.

## Use the printable to bridge region and habitat

The best follow-up pages here are the Gulf hub, coastal hub, and habitat references that explain why the shortlist splits the way it does.

## At a glance

IF YOU ARE STARTING FROM	START HERE	WHY IT HELPS
A shallow nearshore, bay, or estuary Gulf setting	Coastal Sharks	This keeps the most familiar Gulf encounters in the right nearshore part of the guide.
A distinctive offshore Gulf outlier	American Pocket Shark	The site's most unusual Gulf anchor belongs in the deeper-water side of the region story.
A broad Gulf clue but unclear habitat terms	Shark Habitat Zones	Use the habitat note when shelf, reef, slope, and deep-sea labels still need decoding.
A classroom or outreach handout need	Download the field sheet first	The printable keeps the region portable before readers move back into the longer hub pages.

## How to use this printable

- Use this printable when the Gulf of Mexico itself is the clearest clue and you want a small regional shortlist before dropping into species or comparison pages.
- Keep the field sheet paired with the Gulf hub or the habitat-zones reference so the reader can move from a quick handout into fuller explanation.
- Treat the printable as a selective orientation sheet, not as a complete checklist of every Gulf shark.

## Frequently asked questions

These quick answers keep the page practical and point readers toward the next useful guide page.

### **Is this a full Gulf of Mexico shark checklist?**

No. It is a selective field sheet built around the site's strongest current Gulf routes, not a complete regional inventory.

### **Should I use this or the Gulf of Mexico topic page first?**

Use the field sheet when you want a quick handout or desk reference. Use the topic page when you want the fuller regional explanation and follow-up links.

### **What should I read after this field sheet?**

Usually the next stop is Gulf of Mexico Sharks, Coastal Sharks, or Shark Habitat Zones depending on whether the main clue is regional, nearshore, or habitat-driven.

## Useful next pages

Keep moving through the field guide with the pages that make this one more useful.

Topic hub

## Gulf of Mexico Sharks

The main regional hub this printable is built from.

Topic hub

## Coastal Sharks

A nearshore follow-up when the Gulf clue points toward shallow water.

Reference

## Shark Habitat Zones

A plain-language guide for shelf, bay, reef, slope, and deeper-water context.

Resources

## Resource Library

The main landing page for printable and visual study aids.

## Keep the guide offline

Pocket Shark is built as an offline shark field guide for iPhone and iPad, so the same comparisons, glossary notes, and species context can stay with you away from a browser.

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### Pocket Shark Field Guide

An independent shark field guide focused on species reference, comparison, and educational context.

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