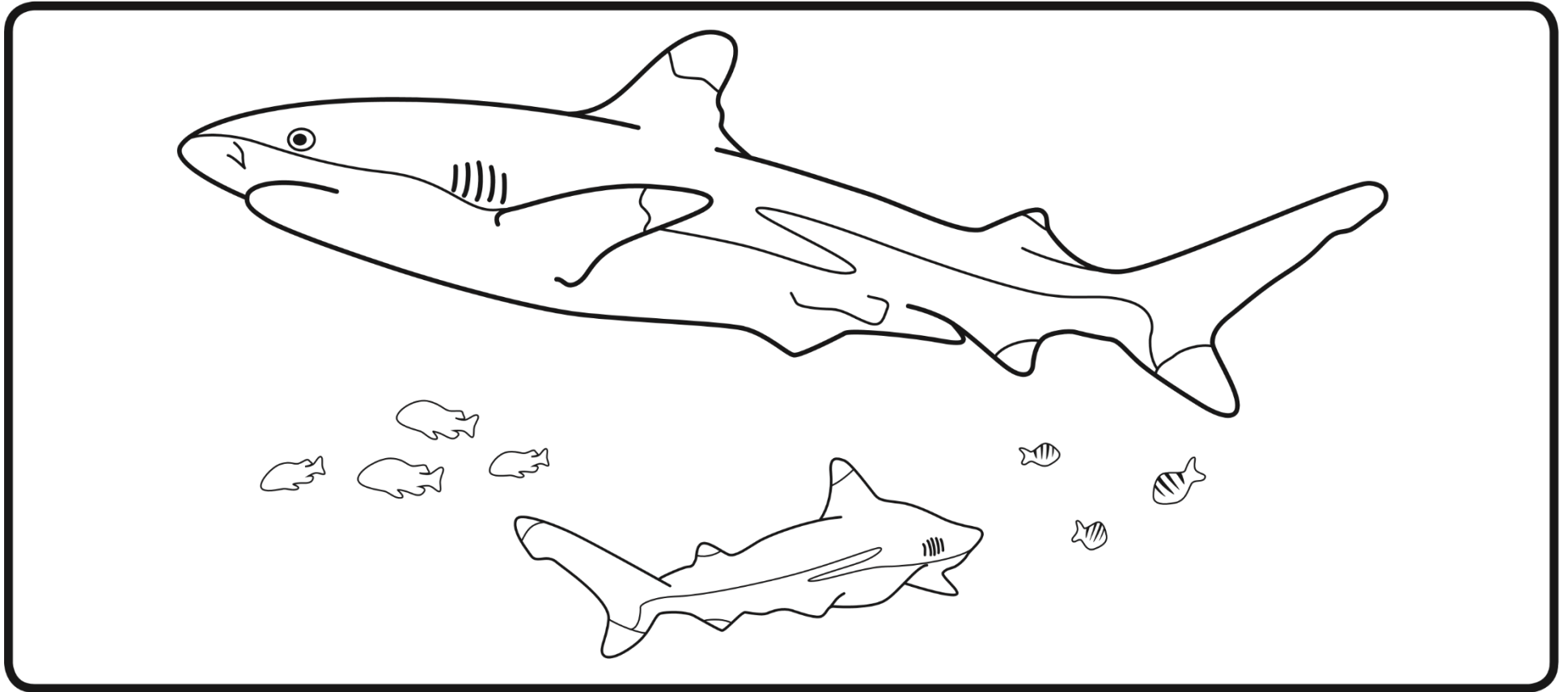


# Blacktip reef shark

*Carcharhinus melanopterus*



## Fast Facts

1. Blacktip reef sharks eat mostly reef fishes, but they sometimes eat other animals like crabs, octopuses, squids, snails and sea snakes. What does your shark eat?
2. Some sharks, but not all, need to keep swimming in order to breathe. The blacktip reef shark is like this – it needs to swim constantly. By swimming constantly, water continually flows over its gills – it gets oxygen from this water. How many gills does a blacktip reef shark have?