

# Know Your Sharks

(most commonly seen along the Iveragh coast)



## Basking Shark/ Liamhán gréine

- With up to 8m length it is the second largest fish in the world
- Dark brown/grey back with occasional light belly
- Often observed in groups
- Up to 2m high, triangular dorsal fin can be spotted from great distance, often accompanied by tip of the tail and tip of the nose
- Observed from headlands and beaches (e.g. St. Finian's Bay, Bolus Head and Derrynane)

## Small-spotted catshark/ Dallóg

- Up to 75cm long, egg case length 5-7cm
- Egg cases found at beaches (e.g. Ballinskelligs)
- Lives on the seabed, in shallow depths up to 100m
- Feeds on crabs, molluscs and small fish



## Nursehound/ Banaltra

- Up 160cm long and 10kg heavy, egg case length 8-10cm, with thick walls running along the capsule edge
- Lives on rocky sediments
- Nocturnal and feeds on squid, crustaceans and smaller fish