



Australia

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Basic facts about Australia



- **Capital City**—Canberra
- **Main Cities**—Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Darwin
- **Area**—7,682,300 sq. Km
- **Climate**—Ranges from tropical to temperate. Most of Australia is arid land or desert.
- **Population**—21,575,341
- **Ethnic Makeup**—40% of population are immigrants or children of immigrants; 25% were born overseas
- **Language**—English
- **Currency**—Australian Dollar
- **Time Difference**—Australia has three time zones

A bit of history



- firstly discovered by a Dutch explorer who named it New Holland.
- 1770–Captain James Cook came and started exploring the land that he renamed it ‘New England’ .
- After 18 years, prisoners were sent to Australia from Britain to be used as a convict colony.
- Between 1851 and 1852, goldfields were discovered in Victoria and New South Wales. This discovery attracted thousands of people.
- In 1901– six states and two territories.
- Canberra was chosen as the capital of Australia as they could not decide between Sydney and Melbourne.

Great barrier reef



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Tasmanian devil

- the largest carnivorous marsupials
- Haunted by its chilling nocturnal screeches, early European settlers gave the Tasmanian devil its alarming name.



Knob-tailed geckos



- Knob-tailed or kidney-tailed geckos are so named because their tails often end in a small round lump

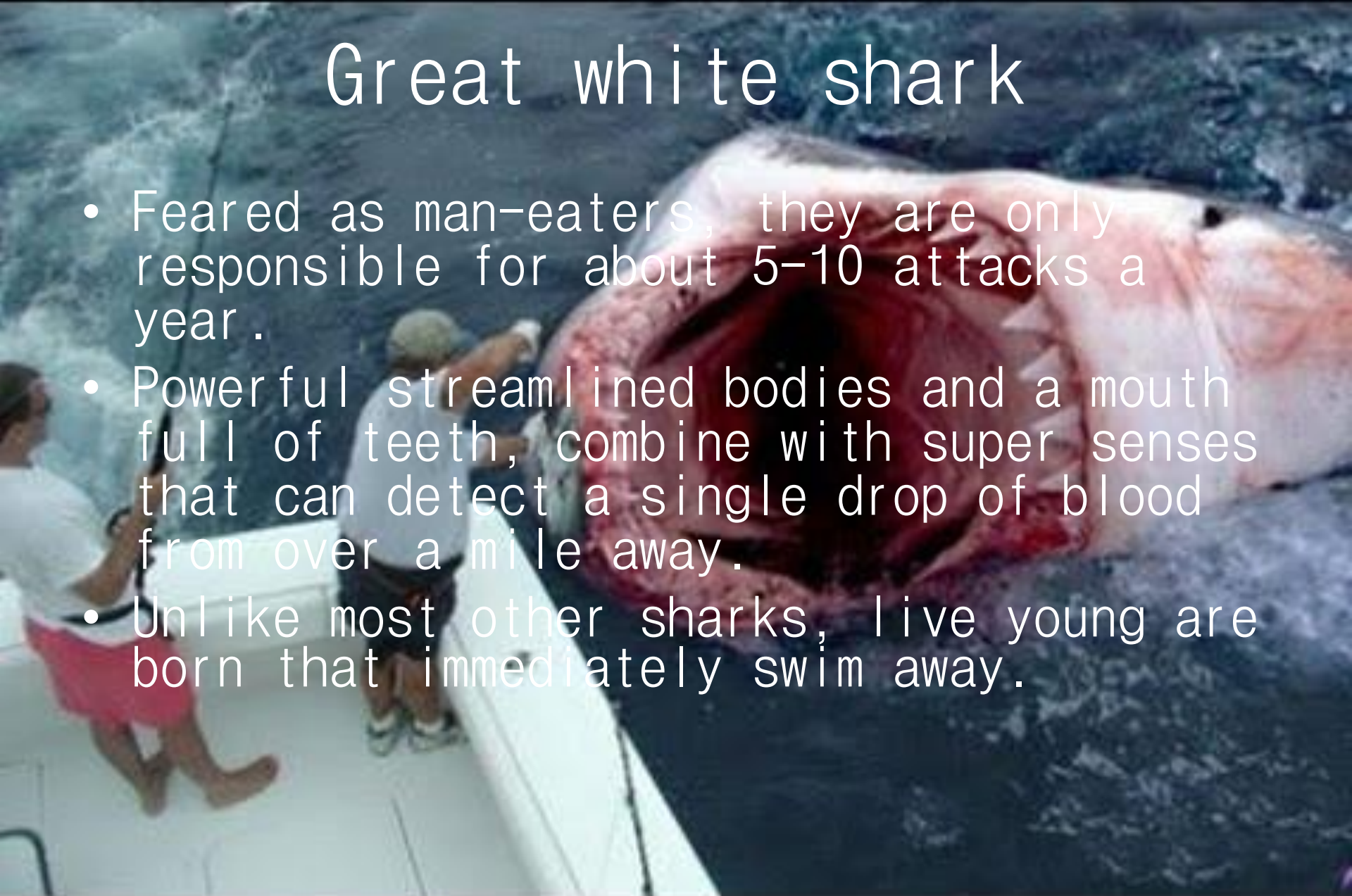


Australasian tree frogs

- The number of species is currently believed to be around 150.
- There is enormous variation in the colour, size, behaviour.

Great white shark

- Feared as man-eaters, they are only responsible for about 5-10 attacks a year.
- Powerful streamlined bodies and a mouth full of teeth, combine with super senses that can detect a single drop of blood from over a mile away.
- Unlike most other sharks, live young are born that immediately swim away.



Daintree National Park

- the most ancient ecosystems on earth.
- The park encompasses two main sections: **Mossman Gorge** where crystal clear waters.
- The park's biodiversity includes more than 18,000 plant species and a vast array of animal species including the crocodile, giant blue Ulysses butterfly, and the secretive Bennett's tree kangaroo.





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