

object of desire

A man in a dark wetsuit is shown from the chest up, holding a large, dark, triangular shark fin in his right hand. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The overall tone is somber and documentary.

End of the Line

ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEARLY 100 million sharks are killed worldwide every year. Most are slaughtered for their fins for consumption around East Asia, where bowls of shark's fin soup fetch top dollar. With 135 species of shark on the endangered species list, and some shark populations in the Pacific facing total collapse, it's time to break with tradition and stop eating, or offering, shark's fin soup. Instead, ask for artificial shark's fin substitutes made from substances with a similar texture, such as seaweed. It tastes just the same and is much easier on the wallet.