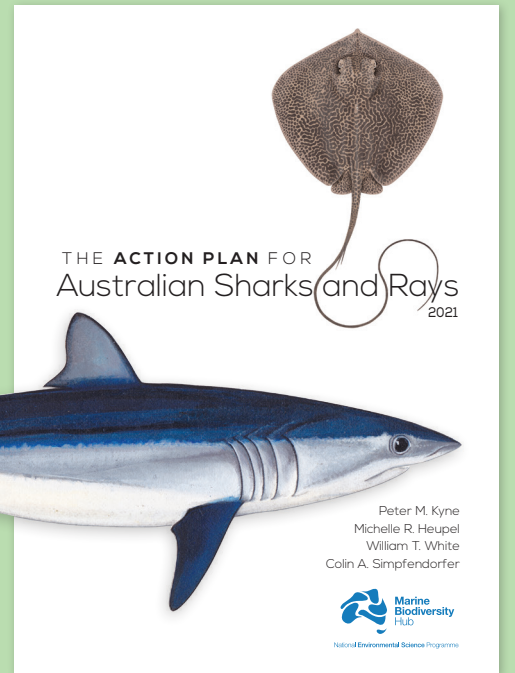
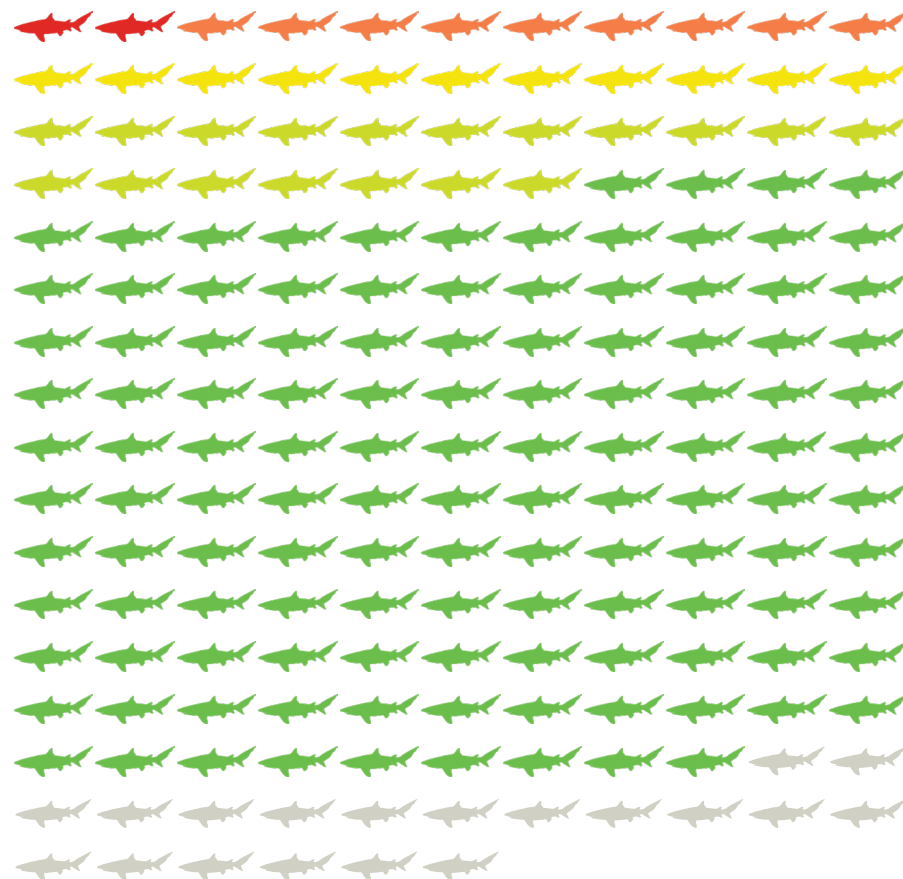


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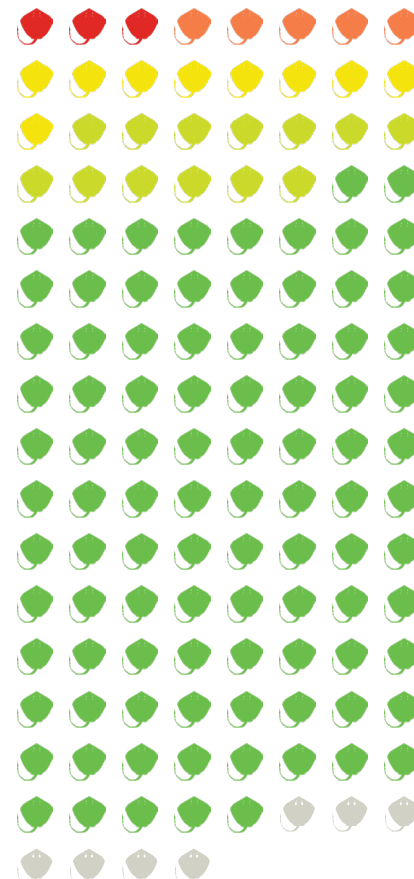


182 SHARKS



- 2 CRITICALLY ENDANGERED
- 9 ENDANGERED
- 11 VULNERABLE
- 18 NEAR THREATENED
- 123 LEAST CONCERN
- 19 DATA DEFICIENT

132 RAYS



- 3 CRITICALLY ENDANGERED
- 5 ENDANGERED
- 9 VULNERABLE
- 13 NEAR THREATENED
- 95 LEAST CONCERN
- 7 DATA DEFICIENT

14 CHIMAERAS



- 1 NEAR THREATENED
- 13 LEAST CONCERN

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FURTHER READING

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