

# LIST BASKING SHARKS UNDER THE FIFTH SCHEDULE OF THE WILDLIFE ACT 1976

## WHY NOW?

- Basking sharks are now **endangered** worldwide
- There may only be **4,000 sharks left** in the Northeast Atlantic

In **Irish waters** a person can disturb, approach, harm or harass a basking shark **without consequence**

## WHY IRELAND?

- Ireland may host **10-20% of the global population** of basking sharks
- **5 of 8 hotspots** are on the Irish west coast
- Sharks have a long **historical and cultural** connection with our coastal communities

## WHAT WILL THE ACT DO?

- **Protect** basking sharks from direct harassment
- Provides them with the **same protection** given to marine mammals
- It's the **simplest** method to protect basking sharks in Irish territorial waters

# LIOSTAIGH AN LIAMHÁN GRÉINE

## Faoin gCúigiú Sceideal Den Acht Fiadhúlra 1976

### CÉN FÁTH ANOIS?

- Tá liamhán gréine i **mbaoil** ar fud an domhain
- D'fhéadfadh nach bhfuil ach **4,000 siorc** in oirthuaisceart an Aigéin Atlantaigh

### CÉN FÁTH ÉIRE?

- D'fhéadfadh go mbeadh **10-20% de phobal domhanda** an liamhán gréine in Éirinn
- Tá idir **5 agus 8 limistéar thábhachtacha** ar an gcósta thiar
- Tá an liamhán gréine tábhachtach dár **gcultúr agus stair**

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### CÉARD A DHÉANANN AN tACHT?

- An liamhán gréine **a chosaint** ó dochar díreach
- Tugann sé **an chosaint chéanna** dóibh is atá ag mamaigh mhara
- Is é an modh **is simplí** chun liamhán gréine a chosaint i bhfarraige na hÉireann



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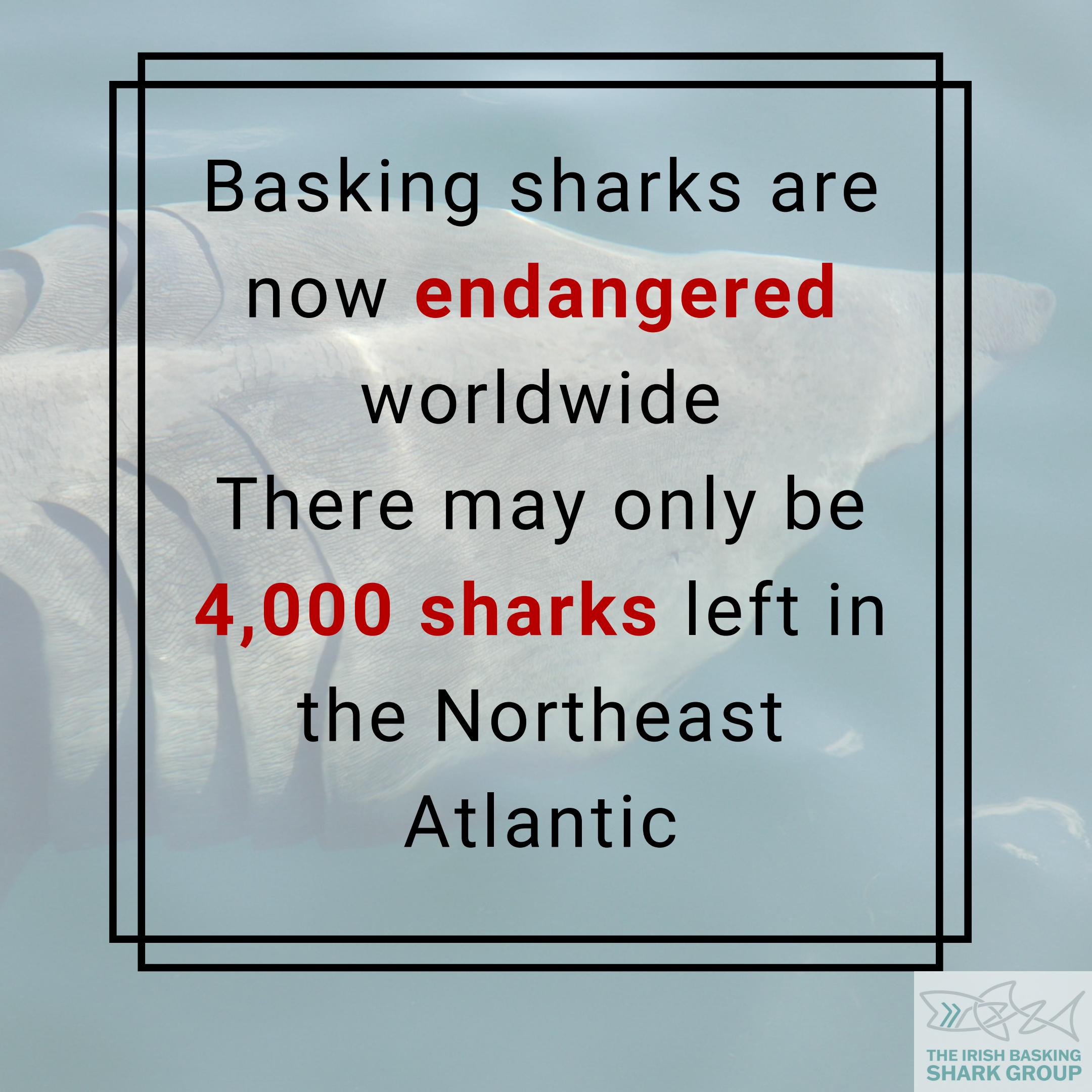
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A large basking shark is shown swimming in clear blue water. Its body is massive and textured with skin ridges. It is positioned horizontally across the frame, with its head on the left and tail on the right. The background consists of more of the shark's body and the surrounding ocean.

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