



**Record:** Largest mouth (extinct)

**Range:**

**Animal name:** Megalodon

**Scientific Name:** *Carcharocles megalodon*

**Type of animal:** Fish

**Habitat:** Tropical and subtropical seas

**Size:** 33 - 66 ft (10 - 20 m) long

**Status:** Extinct

**Facts:** For 13 million years the megalodon swam the seas. Then 2.6 million years ago the biggest shark to ever live went extinct. Even though scientists haven't found a complete megalodon skeleton, they have found some backbones and put together a jaw with teeth. That's how we know the megalodon had the largest mouth of any animal ever. Two adult people could stand up next to each other in its huge mouth. You might be able to see a fossilized megalodon tooth at a museum near you. A megalodon could produce (and lose) up to 40,000 teeth in its lifetime.



**\*note:** fossil sites around the world

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