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Even in their food webs like these (see Australia's marine biologists, no one has ever seen great white sharks hunt or give birth).

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