



Name: Eugenie Clarke  
(Shark Lady)

Birth Date: 4<sup>th</sup> May 1922  
Birth Place: New York City,  
U.S.A



## Famous for...

Eugenie Clark, known as the "**Shark lady**", was a pioneering marine biologist who became famous for her groundbreaking research on sharks and other marine animals. Through her books such as '**Shark Lady**', television appearances, and public talks she made marine biology accessible and encouraged people to see sharks as important animals to be protected rather than monsters to be feared. She changed both public and scientific views by showing that sharks are intelligent, curious and vital to a healthy ocean ecosystem.

## Education



New York University -  
**Bachelor's in Zoology**

Yale University -  
**PhD in Zoology**

## Impact Factor...

Eugenie helped change how people view sharks, showing they are not just dangerous but important for healthy ocean ecosystems and key indicator species.

She made important discoveries about shark behavior, learning ability and reproduction and was one of the first scientists to show that sharks could be trained and could recognise patterns.

She is the founder of the **Mote Marine Laboratory** (1955) which is still a world leading research facility for shark and ocean science today. As a scientist, she became a powerful role model for young women and broke barriers in a male-dominated field.

By sharing her work through books documentaries and public talks, Clark raised awareness about the issues facing sharks, including overfishing and finning.



**Explorers Club Medal** - One of the highest honours for explorers and scientists, recognising her global marine expeditions and discoveries.

**NOGI Award for Science (1987)** - One of the most prestigious awards in the underwater and diving science world. It recognises lifetime achievement and major contributions to marine and diving research.

**U.S Postage Stamp (2022)** - A rare national honour showing her importance to American science and culture.

## Awards and Recognitions