Order LAMNIFORMES

Megamouth Shark

Family MEGACHASMIDAE
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*megas* (Gr.), large; *chasma* (Gr.), yawning hole or open mouth, referring to its unusually large oral cavity

*Megachasma pelagios* Taylor, Compagno & Struhsaker 1983 Greek for “of the sea,” referring to its oceanic, epipelagic habitat