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Answer

**In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**

**Assalamu 'alaykum wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

According to the Hanafi Mazhab, it is only permissible to consume from the ocean that which is classified as a fish, irrespective of what it feeds on. All other aquatic creatures which are not classified as fish will be considered Haraam.

(Hidayah, vol.4, pg.442, Shika) [\[1\]](#)

(Fatawa Hindiyya, vol.5, pg.289, Rashidiyya) [\[2\]](#)

(Ad Durrul Mukhtaar, vol.6, pg.306, HM Saeed)

Allamah Damiri (*Rahimahullah*) has classified sharks as fish.

(*Hayatul Hayawan, vol.2, pg.708, Darul Fikr*)

The characteristics of a fish are found in the shark. Hence, it will be permissible for a Hanafi to eat shark meat as well as the by-products of sharks.

**And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best**

**Wassalamu 'alaykum**

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