

Sharks and Rays: Myth and Reality

Week 5

Ovary Dissection

Dr. Marcelo Carvalho: The ovaries in sharks are generally asymmetrical, meaning that one is more mature than the other, or more functional than the other.

Now, I'm going to cut open the ovary just slightly to reveal some eggs within. The ovary is very thin walled. And inside the ovary we have some egg masses. Here is an unfertilized ovum, or egg. Here, you can see that this ovary contains eggs and is larger, more mature, than this ovary here.