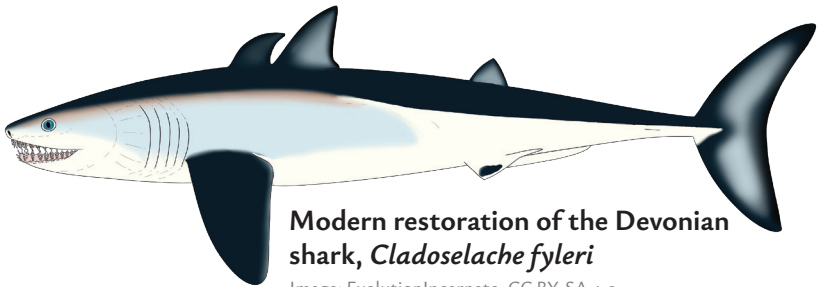


Explosion of Fish

All five classes of jawed fish appear first in Silurian sediments, and are especially diverse and abundant in the overlying Devonian rocks. The appearance of the different Classes in Silurian rocks, below the appearance of increased diversity and abundance in Devonian rocks, illustrates the common pattern of disparity before diversity.



Modern restoration of the Devonian shark, *Cladoselache fylleri*

Image: EvolutionIncarnate, CC BY-SA 4.0



Cladoselache at the Natural History Museum, Vienna

Image: Armin Reindl, CC BY-SA 4.0