

These stories are from page 11 of *First News*. Read the stories, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



ANIMAL NEWS

SHARK SECRETS

A DETAILED study of great white sharks has found they spend a lot more time feeding along the seabed than previously thought.

The study into their diet was done by a team at the Charles Perkins Centre and School of Life and Environmental Sciences at the University of Sydney. They studied the predators



off the east coast of Australia and found the remains of fish that live on the bottom of the ocean in the stomachs of more than 40 young sharks. This evidence supports data from tagged great white sharks that shows they spend a lot of time many metres below the surface of the ocean.

Lead author Richard Grainger said: “The stereotype of a shark’s dorsal fin above the surface as it hunts is probably not a very accurate picture.”

The full study was printed in the journal *Frontiers in Marine Science*.



OFF THE MENU

PANGOLIN scales are no longer officially listed as an ingredient to be used for traditional Chinese medicine.

The news was reported in medical journals in China this week. It comes as China raised the protection level for pangolins to the highest in the country. Both changes are good news for pangolins, which are the most-trafficked animal species in the world. They’ve come very close to extinction due to the illegal wildlife trade. As many as 200,000 are consumed each year for their scales and meat.

ACROSS

- 4) A widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular thing or type of person (noun 10)
- 6) Traded illegally (present participle 10)
- 7) A flat, thin part on the back of most marine and freshwater vertebrates (such as sharks) (noun 6,3)
- 8) The internal organ in which the major part of the digestion of food occurs (plural noun 8)

DOWN

- 1) Component; element; substance (noun 10)
- 2) Monitored; tracked (adjective 6)
- 3) Animals that naturally prey on others (plural noun 9)
- 5) Customary; long-established (adjective 11)

