

Name, Singular: Selachim

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Sexes: 95% female, 5% hermaphrodite.

Height: Varies by age. Born the size of human young, but they slowly grow as they age with no known limit. Most known adult examples are between 7 and 10 feet tall, though there are rumors of much larger examples. Some opt to mod themselves to keep their height manageable.

Weight: Again, varies, usually weighing at least 20% more than the average human of similar size due to strong bodies and heavy tails.

Hair: None, though many have taken gene mods to grow hair. It is sometimes treated artistically amongst those who do have hair.

Eyes: Their eyes are large, with pupils of varying types. Commonly, however, their pupils are slits in a manner similar to a cat. The colouration of an eye varies, usually blue or green however. These eyes are angled slightly outwards, slightly hindering close range depth perception in exchange for greater field of view.

Ears: Selachi have mostly rigid, long, pointed ears placed roughly where human ears belong. Their hearing is incredible underwater, enabling them to hear injured prey and approaching danger. Above water, however, they have a harder time hearing and often cannot focus on a single source of sound.

Sense of smell: Incredibly powerful, capable of smelling what humans would consider odourless from excessive distances. Particularly strong scents, such as perfumes, can leave Selachi overwhelmed.

Tails: Their tails are like those of sharks. Large, strong, with fins above and below by the tip. Their tails are often nearly as long as their torso, if not longer, and account for a significant amount of their weight. Selachi tails are often scratched up, as certain competitors focus on the tail to avoid their dangerous front. They only have one.

Colouration: Typically shades of grey, though black and brown are not uncommon. Some are striped, while others paint or tattoo themselves for cultural reasons.

Skin: Like a shark, Selachi have smooth scales. Unlike a shark, petting one the wrong way will not tear off your skin.

Biology

Similar to Terran sharks in looks, Selachi differ mainly in that they have a mostly human body. However, they have angular heads similar to Great Whites, with mouths set further back rather than by the nose. Their eyes, with their slightly outwardly angle, are further back on the head as well. They lack natural hair, though many take gene mods to acquire some. Within their mouths are a couple rows of wickedly sharp teeth. These teeth are well known for growing back quickly. Many purposefully wear these down, so as to not hurt any potential partner.

Their brains are highly advanced, capable of processing information at an astounding rate. Most are effectively humanoid calculators, though they prefer to apply their intelligence to the arts. Their necks are thin, equipped only with a set of gills, but at the base their body quickly widens into rather wide shoulders. Some call their body type “Amazonian” at times, though not all have this build. Others, generally hermaphrodites, have slimmer and sleeker bodies. On their backs, along the spine, is one large dorsal fin to aid with swimming. Rarely, some opt to have this fin removed to better fit in with other species, and their clothing.

Their arms are long, with a small fin attached to the elbow, but otherwise unremarkable. Selachi only have three fingers, and a thumb. Their fingers have small claws, made more to grip than damage, and between the fingers is long webbing that aids in swimming.

At the chest, Selachi generally have large breasts anywhere from a relative D-cup to much larger. It is unknown how their species evolved mammarys, due to not having biological need for them, but they have them and they function similarly to a human's.

Their hips are usually wide, more so in regular females than hermaphrodites. Attached to their hips are their tails. Always thick, strong, and long, their tails double as dangerous weapons in addition to the obvious benefit they grant when swimming.

Their legs are, like their arms, long. However, they are thick due to muscle, made for powerful motions when swimming. Their feet are large, with webbing and claws like their hands. Unlike most race's feet, their toes are built similarly to their fingers, thus allowing many Selachi to learn to use their feet as though hands.

Internally, they have an extremely unique nervous system. Due to how their planet's predators often attack by swarming, they have developed a completely unique nervous system: it is split into sections, each independent from one another. They communicate hormonally. As a result, they have less of a reaction to pain and, interestingly, lust. While Selachi still feel these senses, they are rarely overwhelmed. This does, unfortunately, result in horrible reflexes as their body takes extra time to send signals.

Homeworld

The Selachi homeworld of Celenia is a large, hot planet. Popular as a tropical resort, the Selachi have managed to avoid being displaced by non-natives due to living within the ocean more often than not. Many have begun working at the resorts and ocean liners scattered all over. Rather than continents, it is home to archipelagos and isolated islands. The main natural resource on the planet is oil, though due to that having been supplanted by better sources only the Selachi actually do anything with it.

Swimming in deep water is unadvised, as there are dangerous predators in there.

Reproduction and sexuality

Due to the lack of males, and relative rarity of hermaphrodites, bisexuality and homosexuality are incredibly frequent. Selachi are fully capable of finding a mate outside of their species, though the child will always be a pure Selachim.

Females are, unlike most species, always ready to reproduce. The act of penetrative sex causes them to release eggs, which are quickly replaced. The longer and rougher the sex, the more eggs are released. Thus, many mating sessions go on for what other species would consider an excessive amount of time, easily reaching into several hours.

Hermaphrodites have varying numbers of penises, some are born with more than one. They are always large, sometimes three feet in length for those at about 10 feet tall, to help coax out extra eggs to fertilize. Below that, Selachi hermaphrodites have at least two testes of a large size, though not as extreme as their penises. Again, the number can be more.

The most unique thing about their genitalia is the hermaphrodite's testes. While not exceptional from the exterior, they produce semen at an astonishing rate. Unlike the Kui-tan, whose testes swell as they fill, Selachim testes do not. Instead, they begin to 'leak', producing a steady flow from their penises when they go too long without release. For some, this is a drip, and for others it may be a constant stream. This will not end until they release.

Due to this, hermaphroditic Selachi often spend their days having sex. Typically while reading, or creating.

Society

Selachi have a society based around dominance, in a sense. However, their form of competition is intellectual. Who can solve an equation faster, who can build a machine the best, and so on. However, their educational system is very cooperative. While Selachi wish to do their best, they work together to do so unless actively competing.

They are prideful of their accomplishments, and get extremely upset when someone takes credit for what they do. This has led to many conflicts with offworlders, especially corporations. Due to their rarity, hermaphrodites are at the top of the social ladder by birth. Hermaphroditic Selachi, while still extremely intelligent, often keep harems simply to deal with the messes they make.

They lack any form of government, instead simply doing as they please on their homeworld. Despite the anarchy, Selachi have managed to develop technologies from the printer to space travel on their own. As a result, they do not view themselves as having been 'uplifted', and as a species resent any implication of such.

Their arts are well developed, most of their species being some sort of artist, whether writing, painting, music, or any other kind.

Technology

Much of the Selachi technology used oil, geothermal, and solar power as the primary energy source. Due to the complications of underwater ballistics, and the lack of need, Selachi primarily use melee weaponry. The main exception is harpoons, which they use to aid in the hunting of large creatures. They have even created harpoons for non-aquatic combat.

Selachi technology is often a bit shortsighted, as they invent for the sake of invention. Other species often find the actual use for it. Selachi built boats to race them, before being told that they could use them to haul cargo.

They have created their own form of speedy travel, in the style of portals. Two sister rings are placed on surfaced, and when activated the two points in space open and allow instantaneous travel. However, their method is impossible on a scale larger than a person, and has a very limited range of only several hundred feet, and therefore they have had to rely on Ausar warpgates for interstellar travel. These portals have replaced doors and windows completely on Selachi worlds.

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