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Scientists have placed the Greenland shark among the most durable living things after determining one of them lived about 400 years.

	NAME	LONGEVITY
	1. Hexactinellid sponge ( <i>Scolymastra joubini</i> )	15,000 years
	2. Great Basin bristlecone pine ( <i>Pinus longaeva</i> )	4,713
	3. Epibenthic sponge ( <i>Cinachyra antarctica</i> )	1,550
	4. Ocean quahog clam ( <i>Arctica islandica</i> )	507
	<b>5. Greenland shark</b> ( <i>Somniosus microcephalus</i> )	<b>392</b>
	6. Bowhead whale ( <i>Balaena mysticetus</i> )	211
	7. Rougheye rockfish ( <i>Sebastes aleutianus</i> )	205
	8. Red sea urchin ( <i>Strongylocentrotus franciscanus</i> )	200
	9. Galapagos tortoise ( <i>Geochelone nigra</i> )	177
	10. Shortraker rockfish ( <i>Sebastes borealis</i> )	157