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IDENTIFICATION TRAINING ON SHARKS AND RAYS

Species Visual ID and Design Monitoring

Lombok – West Nusa Tenggara
25th – 27th February 2019



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1 Training Schedule

Time	Agenda	Resources Needed	Person-in-Charge
Day 1: February 25th - Monday			
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance sheets Training kits Name tags 	KKHL & WCS
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks Message from the CTI-RS Message from Chair of TSWG Remarks from WCS Opening Remarks Photo Session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC Photographer 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Governor of NTB: welcome remarks, arah kebijakan perikanan NTB Interim Executive Director of CTI-CFF RS: Latar belakang kegiatan, komitmen CTI terhadap threatened species Chair of TSWG (Papua New Guinea) Country Director of WCS Indonesia MMAF: Fotographer -KKHL
9:30 - 9:45	Session 1: Overview of the Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale and Objectives of the Training Session Overview Expected Outputs and Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation LCD Wide screen 	Efin -WCS
9:45 - 10:15	Session 2: Brief Overview of West Nusa Tenggara Fisheries and Tanjung Luar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of the area Location and significance Lesson learned Video on Ocean and Us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation LCD Wide screen 	West Nusa Tenggara Fisheries Office
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 - 11:30	Session 3: Overview on sharks and rays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional status of sharks and rays in CTI region Sharks and rays in CITES Indonesia regulation on sharks protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation LCD Wide screen 	Mr. Dharmadi-MMAF

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11:30 - 12:30	Session 4: How to Design Landing Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background on methodology How to Design Landing Monitoring? Biology Measurement in Landing Monitoring Q and A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 	Benaya - WCS
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch		
1:30 – 1:45	Pre-Test:		Trainer
1:45 - 3:00	Session 5: How to Identify Sharks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 	Mr. Darmadi
3:00 - 3:30	Coffee Break		
3:30 - 4:45	Session 6: How to Identify Rays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 	Benaya WCS
4:45 - 5:00	Wrap up and Exercise for Day 2 Closing of day-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of meeting 	Efin -WCS
6:00 - 7:30	Dinner at Hotel		WCS Indonesia
Day 2: February 26th - Tuesday			
6:00 - 6:30	Breakfast and registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance List 	KKHL
6:30 - 6:45	Briefing for Field trip		Efin -WCS
6:45 - 7:45	Depart to Tanjung Luar Landing Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car and Bus 	WCS
7:45 - 10:00	Field observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification morphology sharks and rays Biological measurement Fisheries measurement Technical photographic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measuring instrument, module identification 	Trainer
10:30 - 11:30	Travel back to the hotel	Car / Bus	WCS Indonesia
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch and Break		
13:00 - 15:00	Session 7: Evaluation of field observation Evaluating identification process and evaluating the sharks and rays pictures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes meeting Module 	Benaya-WCS
3:00 - 3:15	Coffee Break		
3:15 - 4:45	Session 8: How to Collect and input Sharks and Rays Data Format Excel provided by trainer Format Sheet for field observation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 	Benaya & Efin-WCS
4:45 - 5:00	Wrap up and close day-2 Preparation for Tanjung Luar Site visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of meeting 	Efin-WCS
6:00 - 7:30	Dinner		

Time	Agenda	Resources Needed	Person-in-Charge
Day 3: February 27th - Wednesday			
6:00 - 6:30	Breakfast and registration	• Attendance List	WCS Indonesia
6:30 - 6:45	Briefing		WCS Indonesia
6:45 - 7:45	Depart to Tanjung Luar Landing Site	• Car / Bus	WCS Indonesia
7:45 - 10:30	Independent field observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification morphology sharks and rays • Biological measurement • Technical photographic 		Trainer
10:30 - 11:30	Travel back to the hotel	• Car / Bus	WCS Indonesia
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch and Break		
13:00 - 15:00	Discussion and lesson learn from participants		Benaya & Efin-WCS
15:00 - 15:15	Post-Test		
15:15 - 15:30	Wrap up and synthesis		Chair of TSWG
15:30 - 16:00	Closing program		CTI-CFF RS

2 Training Team



TRAINER

Dharmadi is a senior elasmobranch researcher in Indonesia Center for Fisheries Research. He finished his study about fisheries biology in 1986, then he started working in a private company in Indonesia. His research footprint started in 1991 until now. He is Indonesia coordinator on shark and ray data collection in Southeast Asia-SEAFDEC project and Research Project leader on “Sawfish Status in Indonesia”. As member of IUCN - Species Survival Commission (SSC) Shark Specialist Group (SSG), he wrote some books about sharks and rays species in Indonesia and Southeast Asian Region.



TRAINER

Benaya Simeon was born in a coastal town in Indonesia. She studied about fish behavior in bachelor degree, then for master degree she got a grant from for her research about shark behavior. Now she works as sharks and rays officer in Wildlife Conservation Society – Indonesia Program. She collects sharks and rays fisheries data, assist in design, implementation, analysis, and write-up of applied research on sharks and rays fisheries.



FACILITATOR

Efin Muttaqin is sharks and rays coordinator in Wildlife Conservation Society-Indonesia Program. His sharks landing monitoring project started in 2011 in Aceh then in West Nusa Tenggara in 2013. He developed some protocols for landing monitoring sharks and rays which were used by WCS-IP team until now.



FIELD ASSISTANT

Muhsin, Muhammad Ali, and Abdul Kohar

They conduct daily landing monitoring for sharks and rays. They identify species, conduct biology measure and record fisheries information from sharks and rays fishing fleet.

3 Introduction

Sharks and rays Fisheries in Indonesia

Elasmobranchs are now recognised as being one of the world's most threatened species groups, with one quarter of species threatened with extinction according to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (Dulvy et al. 2014). This is primarily due to overfishing through capture in both targeted and by-catch fisheries, with an estimated annual global fishing mortality of 100 million per year (Worm et al. 2013). In turn, this fishing pressure is perpetuated by local and global markets for a wide range of elasmobranch commodities (Dent and Clarke 2015).

Indonesia is the world's largest elasmobranch fishing nation (Dent and Clarke 2015), with annual elasmobranch production over the past decade (2005-2014) approximately 90,000 to 120,000 tonnes per year, with a 10-year annual average of 104,898 (SD 8,124) tonnes per year (MMAF, 2016). Shark and rays fisheries in Indonesia has been started before the 1940's coastal communities primarily caught sharks in mixed-species fisheries, with similar utilisation as for other species of fish, which were primarily consumed as food. International trade in shark products began gaining commercial importance in Indonesia in the 1970's, predominantly driven by international demand for shark fins in China and Hong Kong.

West Nusa Tenggara Province is known as one of the highest shark producer in Indonesia. East Lombok District is one of areas that contribute to the sharks and rays catch in West Nusa Tenggara with Tanjung Luar is main fish landing port in West Nusa Tenggara where shark fishing activities has existed since 1940s. Sharks are the main fishing target for some fishing communities in this area, fished using long line with fishing vessels size ranging from 5 to 20 GT.

Sharks were mainly caught by bottom longline and surface longline, while some also caught by gillnet as bycatch. Fishing grounds of Tanjung Luar shark fishers spread in 9 provinces, West Nusa Tenggara, East Nusa Tenggara, Bali, East Java, South Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, Southeast Sulawesi, South Kalimantan, and Central

Kalimantan waters. Those fishing grounds also spread in three Indonesian Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs), FMA 712, FMA 573 and FMA 713.

4 Modul

Module 1: How to design landing monitoring

Background

Sharks, rays, skates, and chimaera are cartilaginous fish which are included in the sub-class of *Elasmobranchi*, the *Chondrichthyes* class. Ecologically, elasmobranch plays an important role in the food chain and ecosystem balancer in the ocean. Some types of sharks and rays are positioned as top predators and meso-predator. Sharks and rays are also one of the important visual indicators species for the health of coral reef ecosystems (Friedlander et.al., 2002, Griffin et. Al., 2008).

In addition to its important position in the ecosystem, sharks and rays also have different biological characters from teleost. Limited number of tillers, long gestation period, and slow growth make sharks are slower to reproduce compared to teleost fish.

It is known that 46% of 1041 types of shark and ray are species with habitats in coastal waters until the continental shelf (Dulvy et al. 2014). The existence of sharks and rays in these habitats causes sharks and rays to be very vulnerable both to the pressure of artisanal fisheries and habitat degradation. On the other hand, artisanal fisheries are still one of the livelihoods of people in several countries including Indonesia. Sharks and rays are still fisheries commodity both as target and by-catch by multi-gear and multi-species fisheries.

Landing Monitoring of sharks and rays at local fish landing can provide a lot of information, both biological and fisheries information. However, there are many challenges considering that generally fishing fleet has several fishing gear. High-precision recording of each aspect is expected to provide comprehensive data by minimizing the bias which

is caused by conditions and variation of information in the field.

Definition

Shark and rays landing monitoring is one of the survey methods to determine the pattern of shark and ray fisheries utilization in a particular area.

Objective

The objectives of this training module are:

1. Participants can analyze shark and ray fisheries characters in their respective countries
2. Participants understand the method of landing monitoring that conducted by WCS over the past 5 years in Tanjung Luar.
3. Participants can design an appropriate monitoring landing in their respective countries by adapting the methods used in Tanjung Luar

Monitoring Design

Monitoring design is a very important step to ensure that monitoring activities can be carried out effectively and efficiently. To discuss effective survey activities, the important thing that needs to be done is to consider the pattern of fishing activities in an area, through the following information

- General information of fisheries activities in an area,
- The number of fishermen,
- The number and type of vessels from the operating fishing unit,
- Type of operated fishing gear,
- Location of fish landing or auction,
- Pattern of fishing activities, and
- Other important information related to fisheries activities.

Information can be obtained by collecting secondary data from related parties such as local government, fishing port authority, research institutions and others. In addition, information can be obtained by conducting pre-survey and direct observation in the field. In pre-survey we were able to gather information to captains,

fishermen, ship owners and key figures who knew about fisheries information.

Information will be able to help us in determining the following technical aspects:

- Location and number of sample points
- Number of people to be involved in data collection.

A. Determination of survey location

Ideally the monitoring location needs to be conducted in all fish landing locations, but if this is not possible, then several locations can be chosen for representing all fisheries activities within area, such as the representation of fishing unit. The selected monitoring sites are fish landing locations which have diversity of fishing gear types that operating in the region.

B. Time of monitoring

Time of fish landing monitoring can be conducted by census and sampling. Data collection of census catch is carried out every day at all landing sites. Collection of sampling data throughout the month at several fish catch landing sites.

C. Equipment and Materials

Equipment and materials which used in fish landing monitoring activity are: digital cameras, data sheets, ruler/roll meters, scales, label of fishing gear types, stationery (pencils), and tablets (for data input).

D. Types of collected data

In general, data structure of shark landing monitoring result divided into:

1. Fishing fleet data

- Location of data collection
- Trip ID
- Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
- Boat name
- Fleet size (Gross tones)
- Machine capacity (HP)
- Number of setting
- Soaking time
- Days at sea
- Days of operation
- Fishing gear
- Number of Hooks

- Hook size
- Mesh size (net)
- Number of piece (net)
- Operational cost (fuel, ice)
- Number of crew
- Provincial water zones
- Geographic position
- Fisheries Management Area

2. Species Data

- Category (Shark or Ray)
- Family
- Species
- Sex
- Embryo
- Number of embryo
- Size of embryo
- Clasper length
- Total Length (TL)
- Pre Caudal Length (PCL)
- *Stage maturity* (male and female)
- Number or individuals

3. Price Data

- Auction price
- Auction buyer
- Real price
- Real Buyer

4. Other Data

- Other existing fleet
- Origin
- Total number

Implementation Technique

- Prepare data sheets, camera, stationery and other equipment which needed for data collection
- Ask permission from fishermen, ship owners and buyers to record data
- When we see the fishermen landing their catches, ask permission to get photos of sharks and rays catches.
- Record the name of shark and ray species, fish length, sex, clasper length.
- For other information such as fishing fleet, price data can be carried out by asking the crew, captain or shark and ray buyers or collectors/middle-man.
- Do not forget thank the fishermen

- Download all documentation (photos) and name them according to the photo legend.
- Input the recorded data in the database that has been prepared.

How to Measure Shark and Rays

1. Measure the length of the shark

Length which used for shark measurement are totaling length and pre-caudal length (see figure 1). Set the shark specimen to correct position before measure its length (see figure 2).

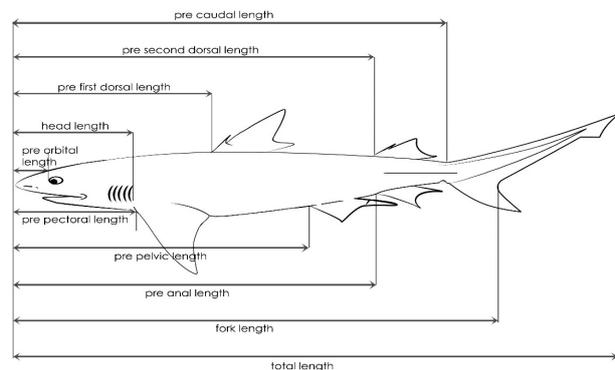


Figure 1. Shark length measurement (credit picture: H.Siregar)

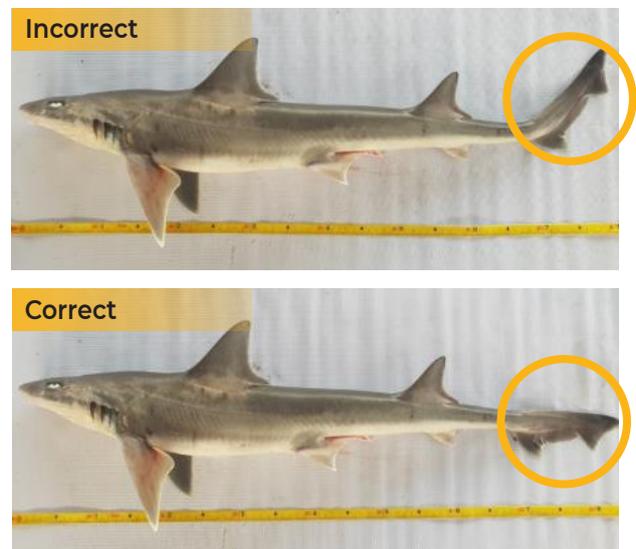


Figure 2. How to put shark position for the measurement

2. Measure the length of ray

Ray sizes are also given as total lengths except in the families *Dasyatidae*, *Gymnuridae*, *Myliobatidae*, *Rhinopteridae* and *Mobulidae*, in which the tail is frequently absent or damaged. For these groups the size measurement used is total length (TL) and disc width (DW). So generally, length which used

for ray measurement are total length (TL) and disc width (DW) (see figure 3). Set the shark specimen to correct position before measure its length (see figure 2).

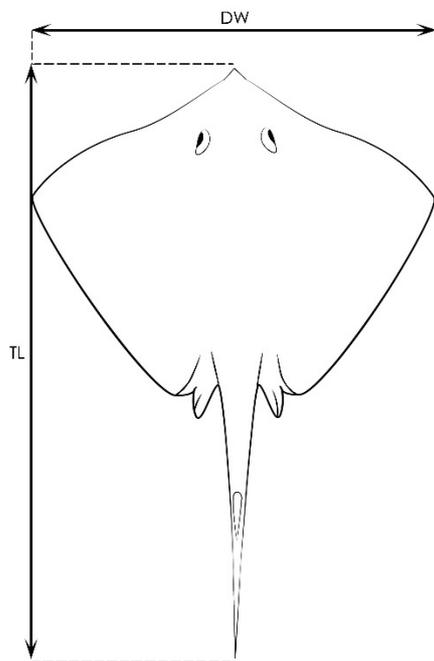


Figure 3. Ray length measurement (credit picture: H.Siregar)

3. Identify sex and stage of maturity

Identify sex from sharks and rays which landed as below:

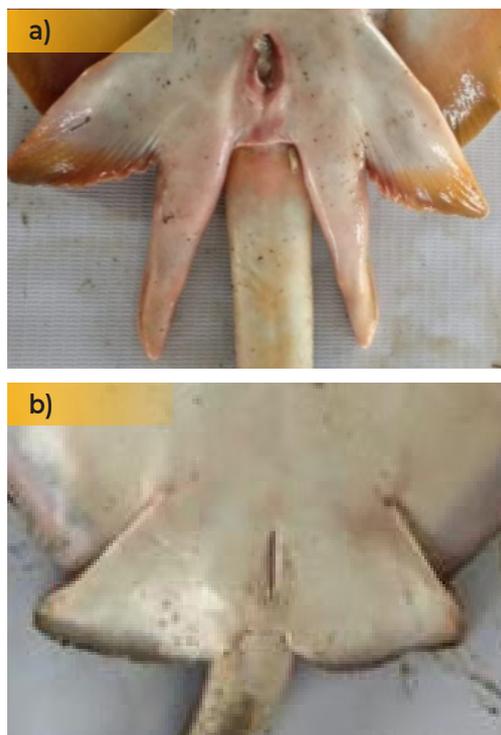


Figure 4. a) Clasper on male sharks and rays, b) cloaca on female sharks and rays

Record the stage of maturity from male individual with classification as below:

1. NC = Non Calcification
2. NFC = Non Full Calcification
3. FC = Full Calcification

Record the stage of maturity from female individual with classification as below (Hall et al. 2012):

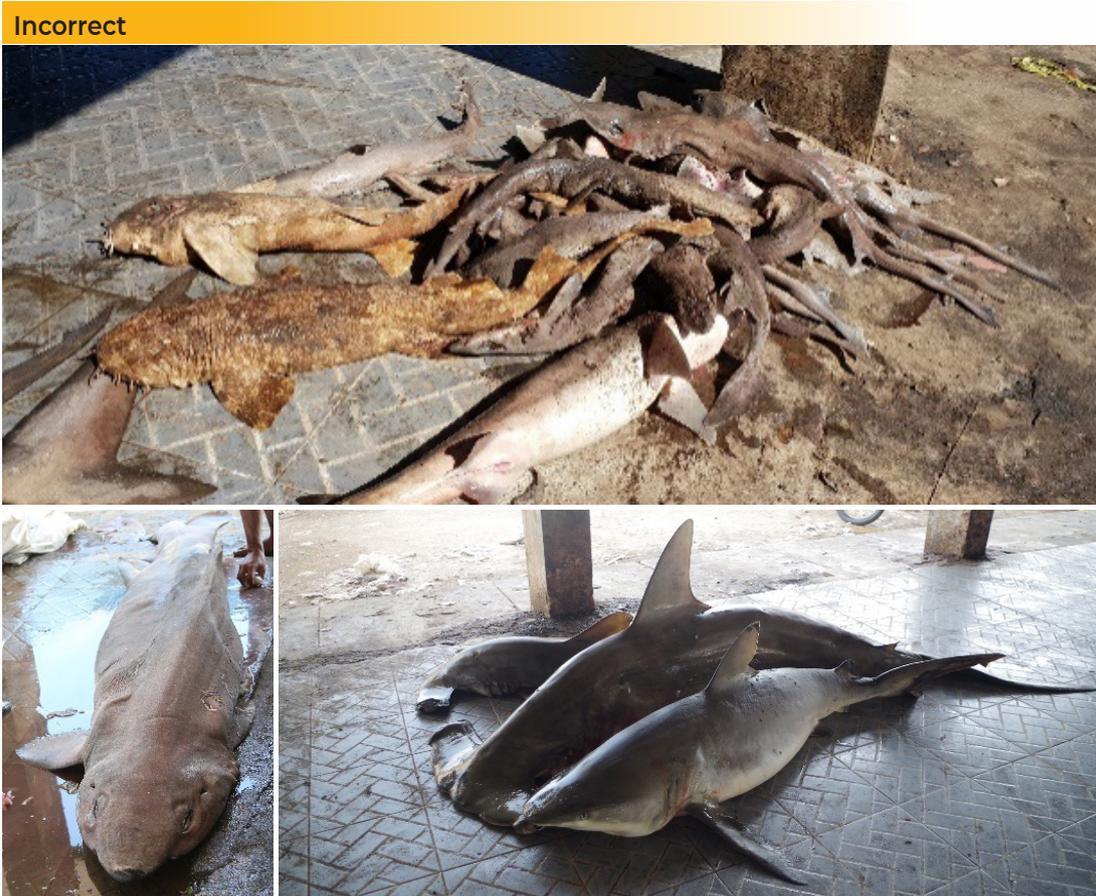
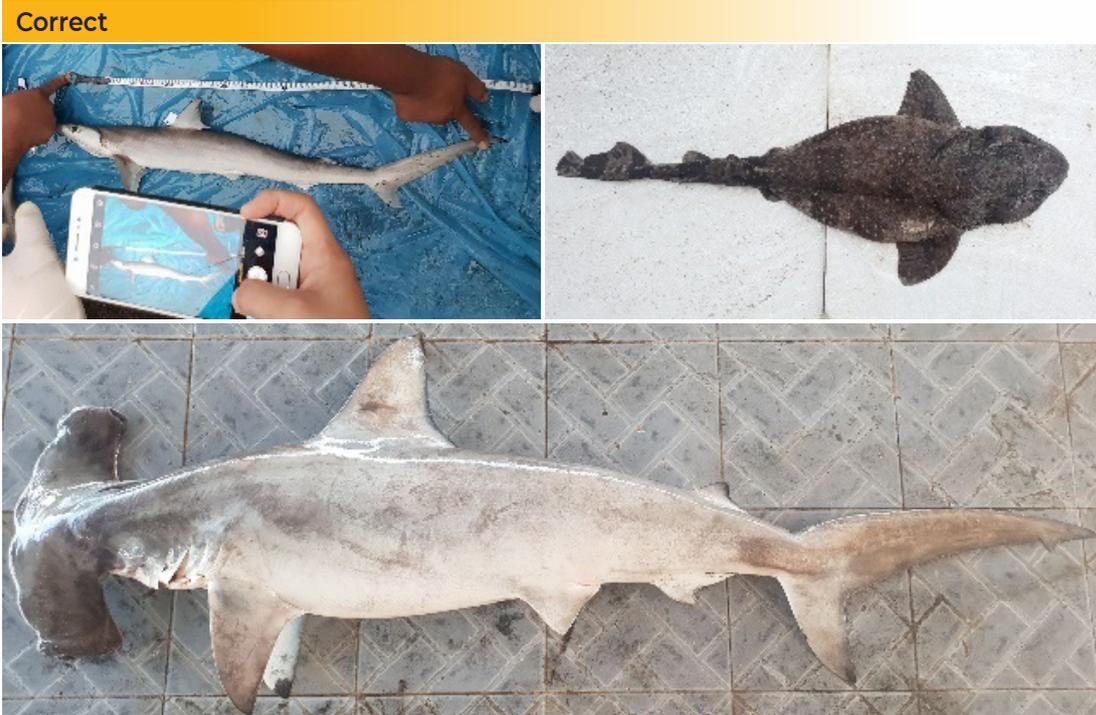
1. Immature Very small ovaries; uteri similar in size, thin and flaccid.
2. Maturing, virgin Functional (right) ovary contains small yolked ova; the two functional uteri beginning to enlarge but are mostly thin and flaccid.
3. Mature, non-pregnant Right ovary contains yolked ova > 2.0 mm in diameter; uteri enlarged along entire length.
4. Mature, pregnant Fertilized eggs or embryos in both uteri.
5. Mature, post-partum Uteri very enlarged and flaccid, having recently released young.

Documenting Shark and Ray

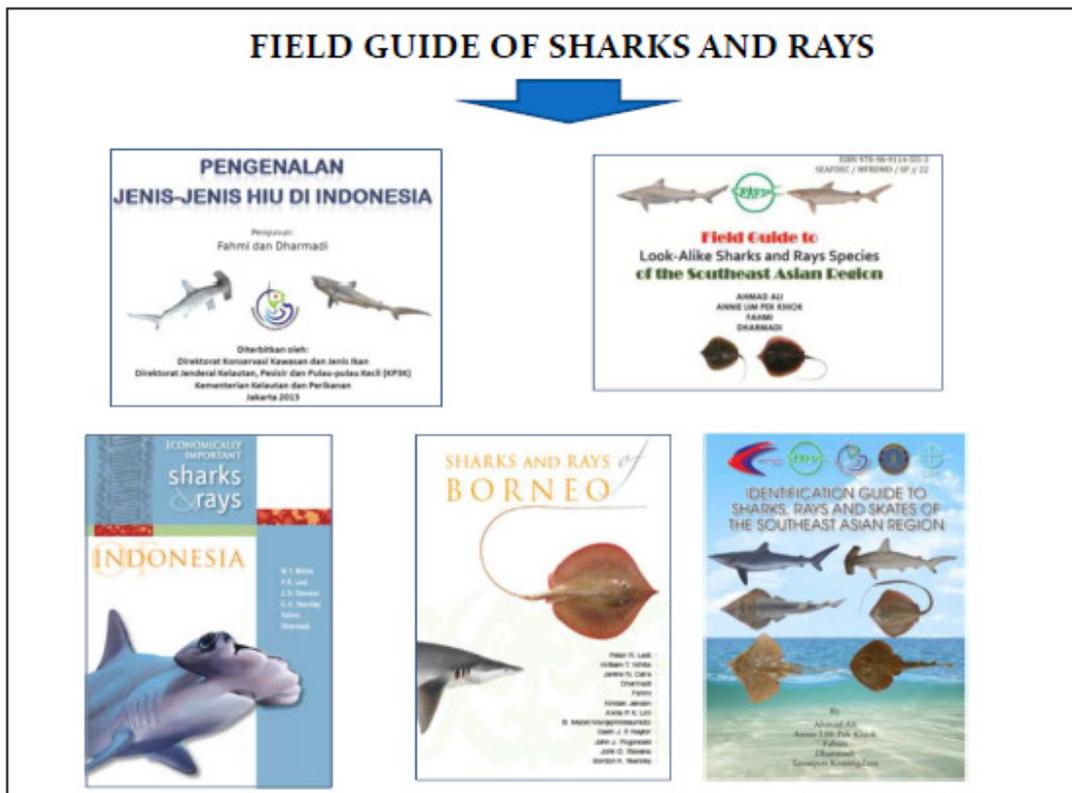
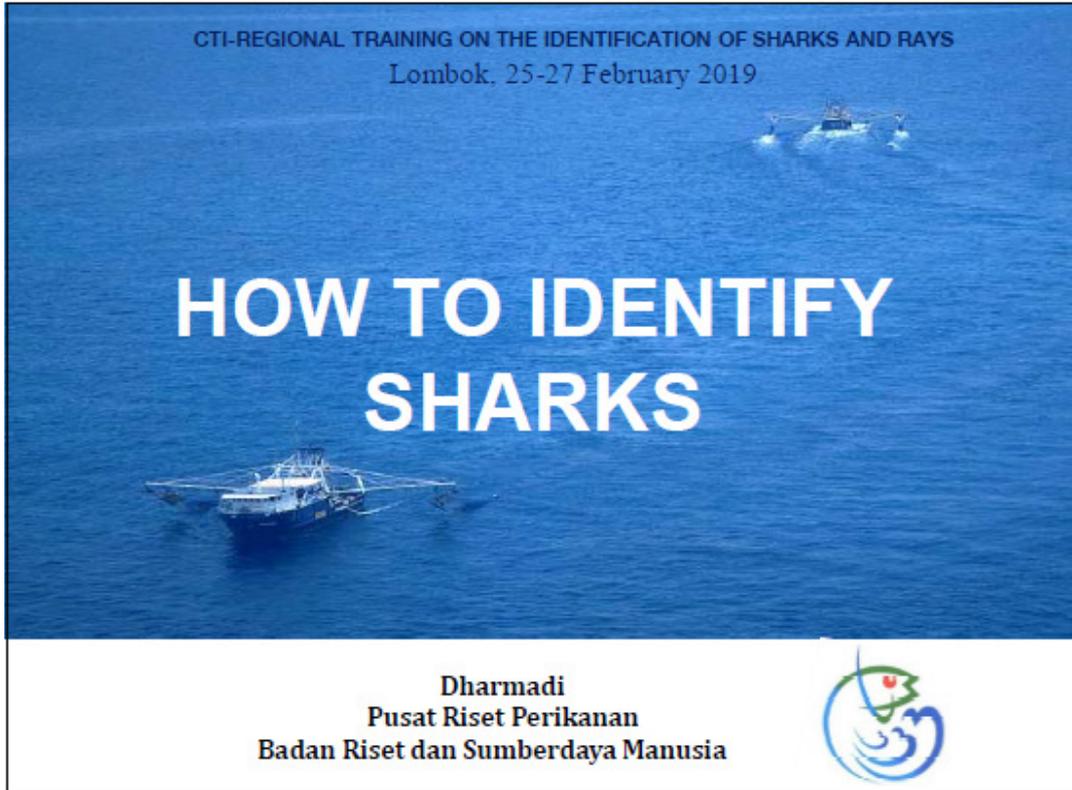
Taking pictures is useful as a documentation for recording shark and ray landing. The documentation procedure is as follows:

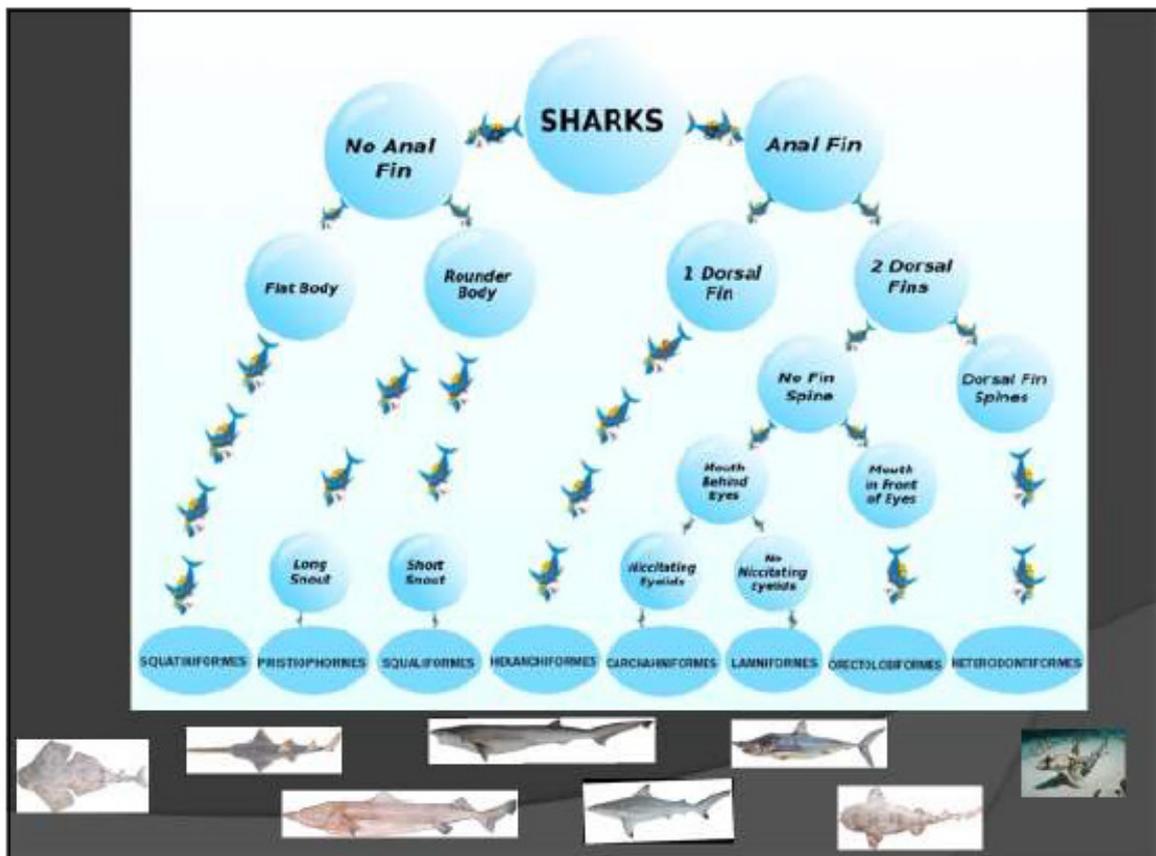
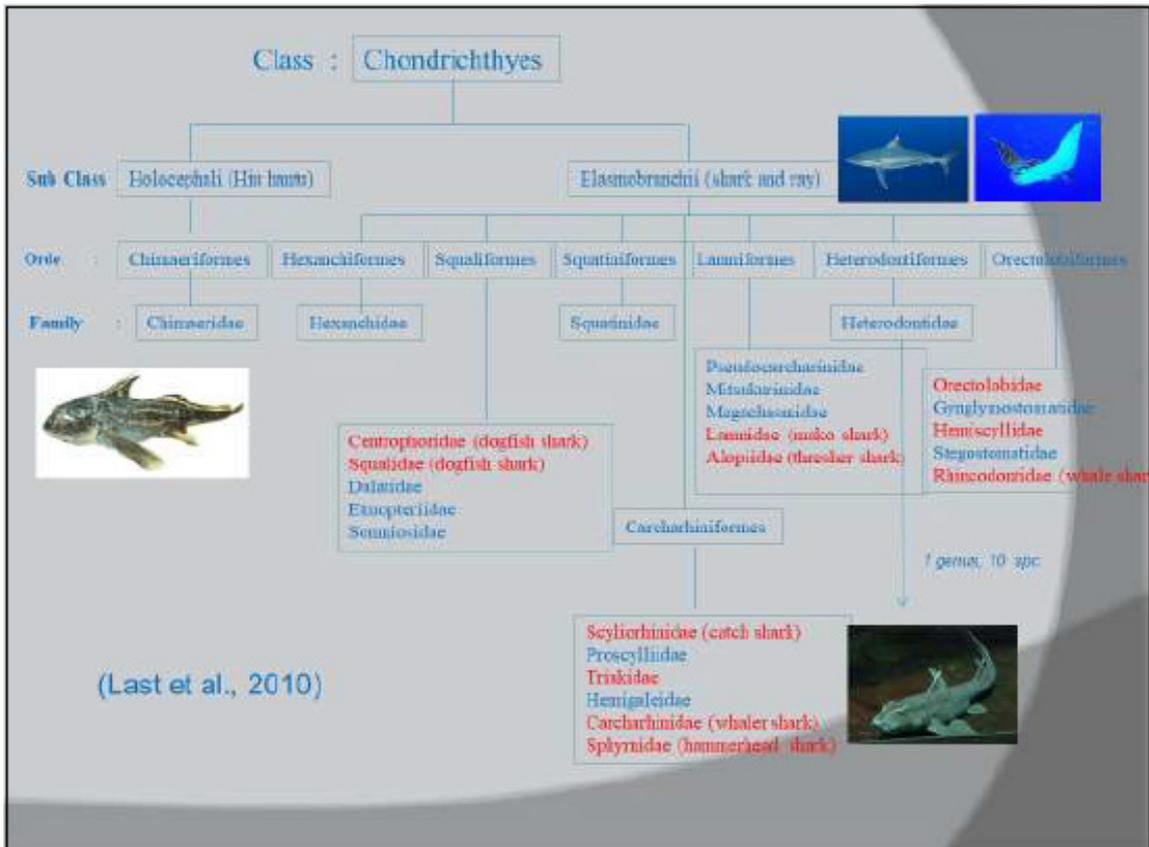
- Setting the camera (bring up the date option)
- Choose the appropriate photo resolution, (3 to 5 mega pixel)
- Prepare the data sheets and other equipment which is needed for data collection.
- Ask permission for taking pictures of catch.
- Prepare the supported tools such as data form sheets, white photo frames/base, and ruler.
- Prepare a white photo base, can use a white plastic poster, white styrofoam, blue plastic, or blue styrofoam
- Place the ruler in horizontal position and make sure the position is straight
- Position the shark and ray in horizontal position with its head on the left side.

Example:

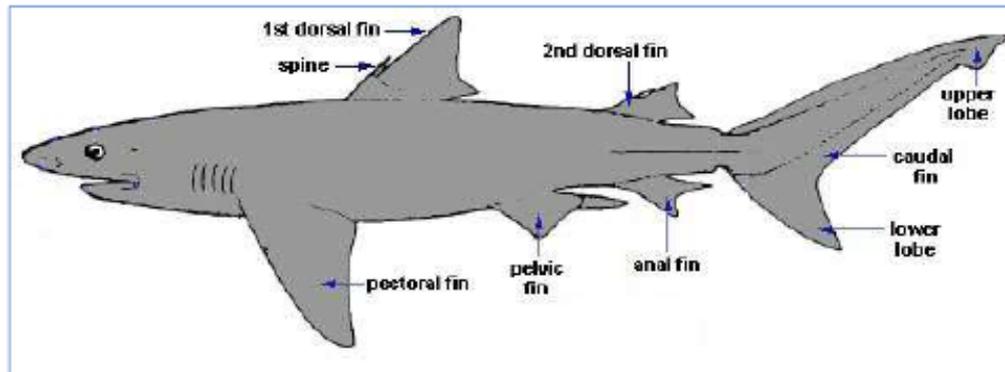


Module 2: How to Identify Sharks

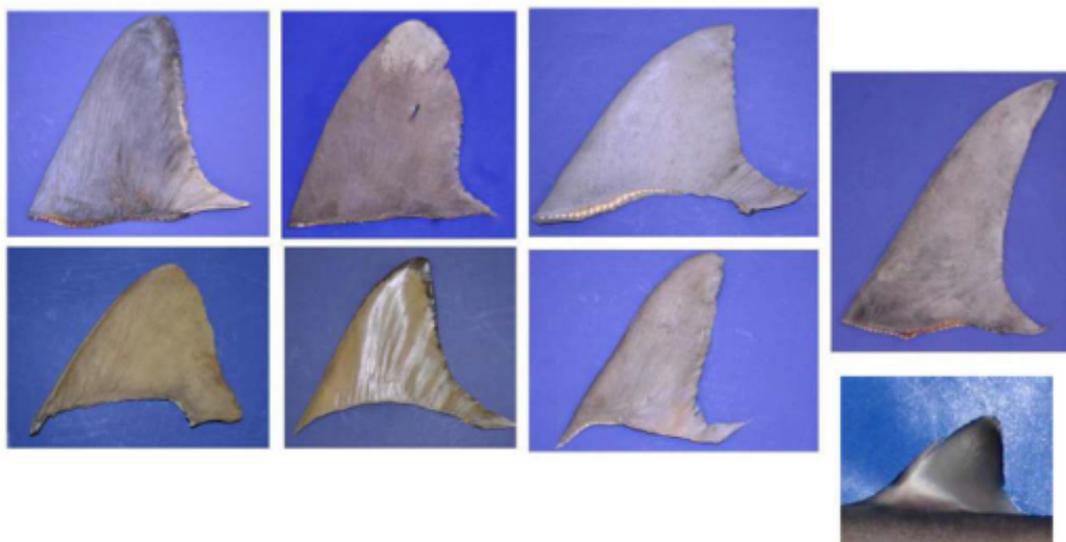




Sharks have five different types of fins:
pectoral, pelvic, dorsal, anal, and caudal.



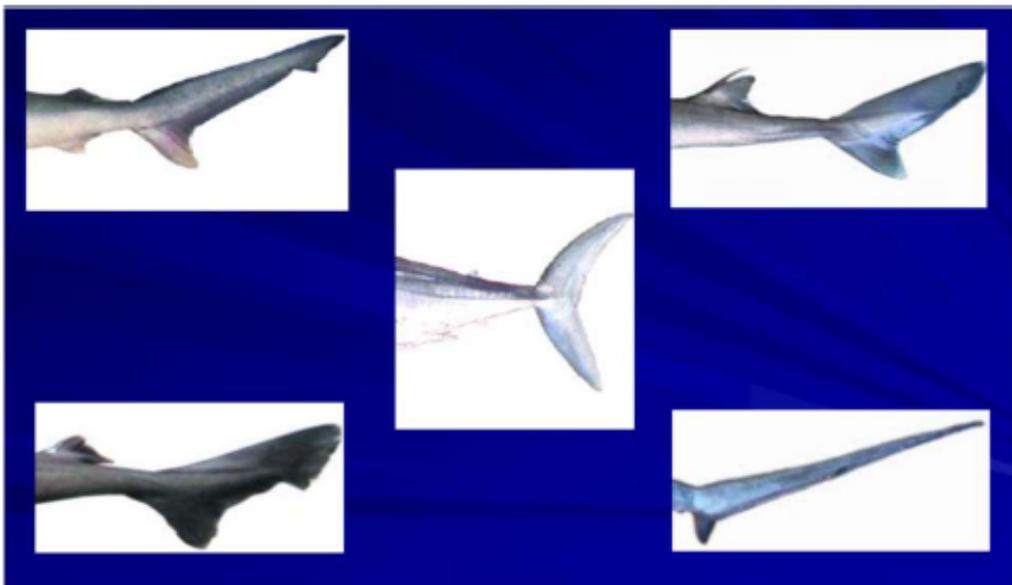
DORSAL FIN

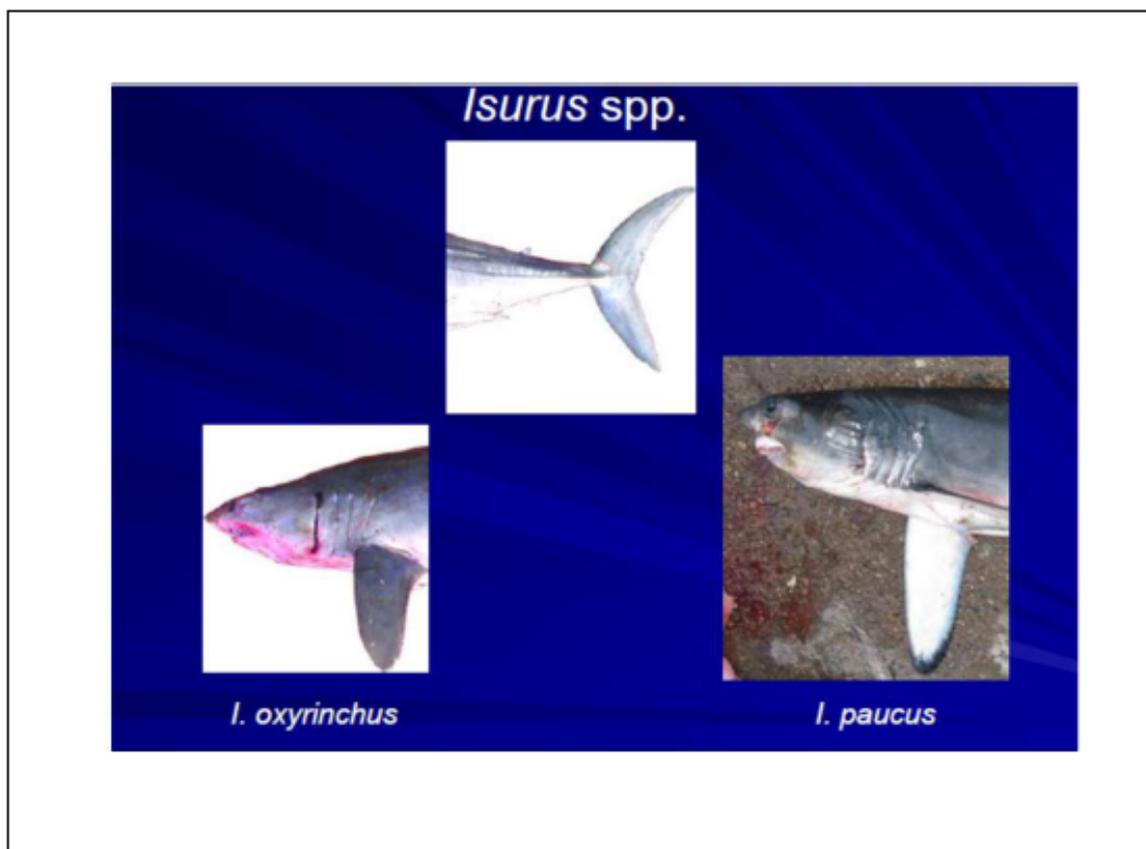
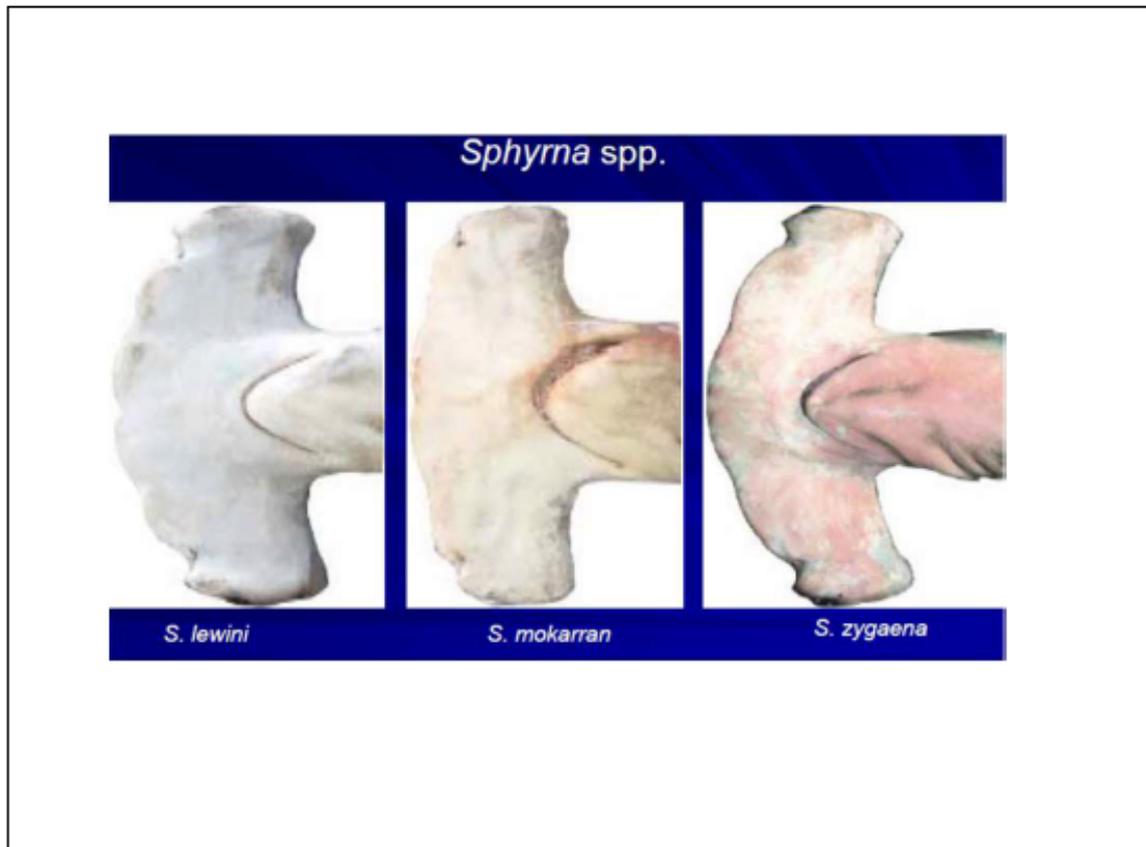


Head

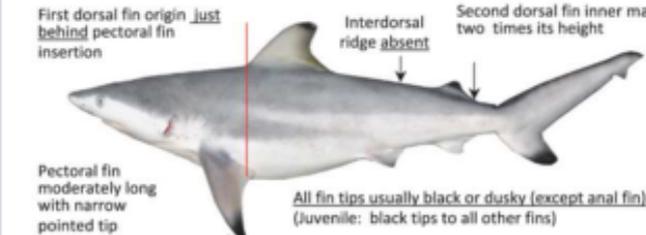


CAUDAL





CARCHARHINIDAE
Carcharhinus amblyrhynchoides (Whitley, 1934)
Graceful shark



First dorsal fin origin just behind pectoral fin insertion

Interdorsal ridge absent

Second dorsal fin inner margin less than two times its height

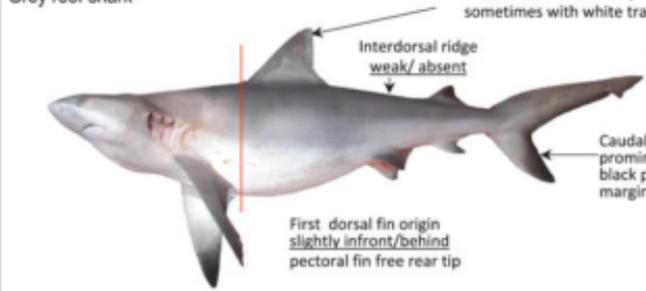
Pectoral fin moderately long with narrow pointed tip

All fin tips usually black or dusky (except anal fin)
(Juvenile: black tips to all other fins)

Snout rather short; narrowly rounded to pointed



CARCHARHINIDAE
Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos (Bleeker, 1856)
Grey reef shark



First dorsal fin relatively tall; sometimes with white trailing margin

Interdorsal ridge weak/absent

Caudal fin with a prominent broad black posterior margin

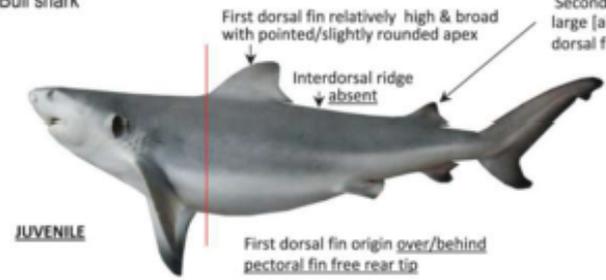
First dorsal fin origin slightly in front/behind pectoral fin free rear tip

Snout broadly rounded




ADULT

CARCHARHINIDAE
Carcharhinus leucas (Müller and Henle, 1839)
Bull shark



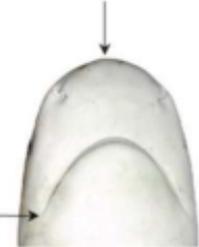
First dorsal fin relatively high & broad with pointed/slightly rounded apex

Interdorsal ridge absent

Second dorsal fin relatively large [about 1/3 height of first dorsal fin]

First dorsal fin origin over/behind pectoral fin free rear tip

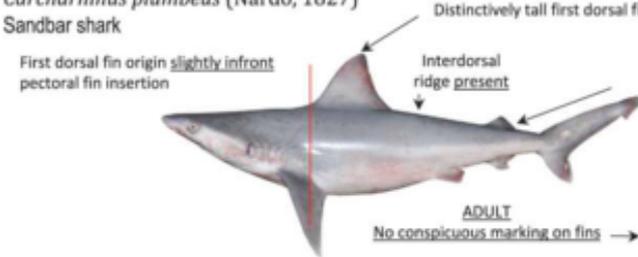
Snout broadly rounded and very short



Labial furrows short and inconspicuous

JUVENILE

CARCHARHINIDAE
Carcharhinus plumbeus (Nardo, 1827)
Sandbar shark



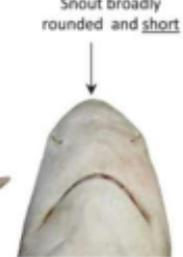
Distinctively tall first dorsal fin relative to body size

Interdorsal ridge present

Second dorsal fin inner margin less than two times its height

First dorsal fin origin slightly in front of pectoral fin insertion

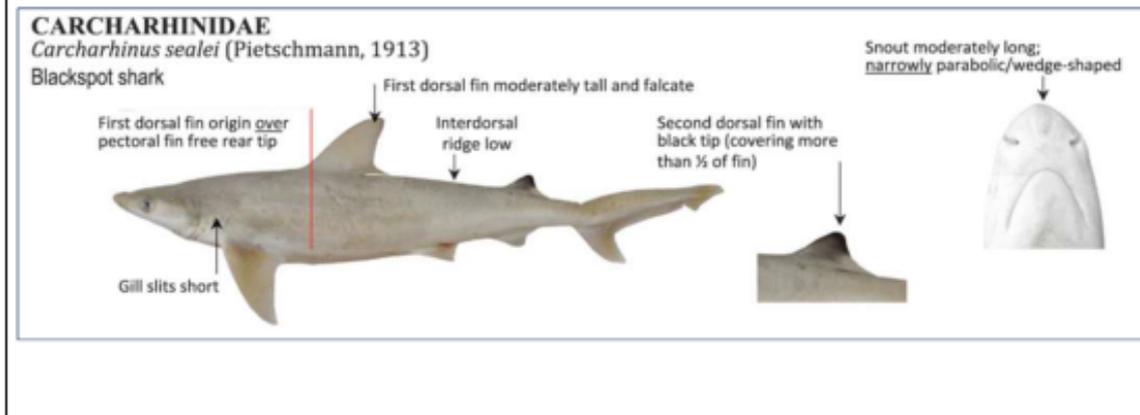
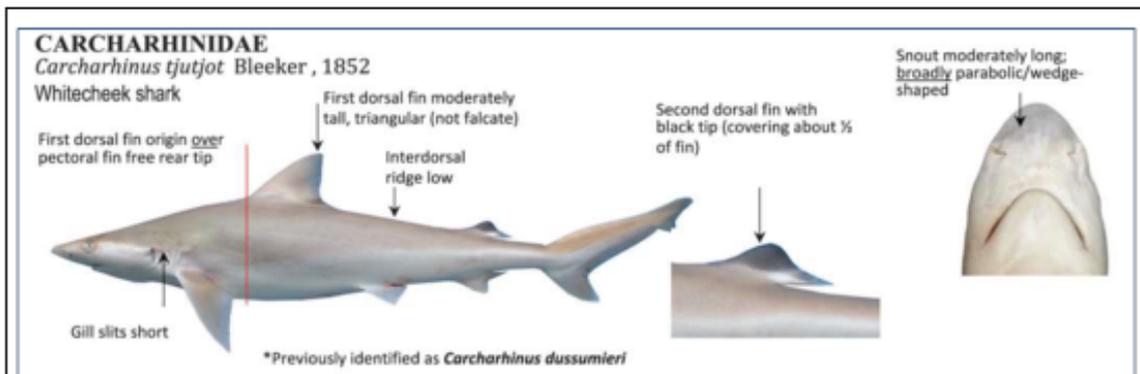
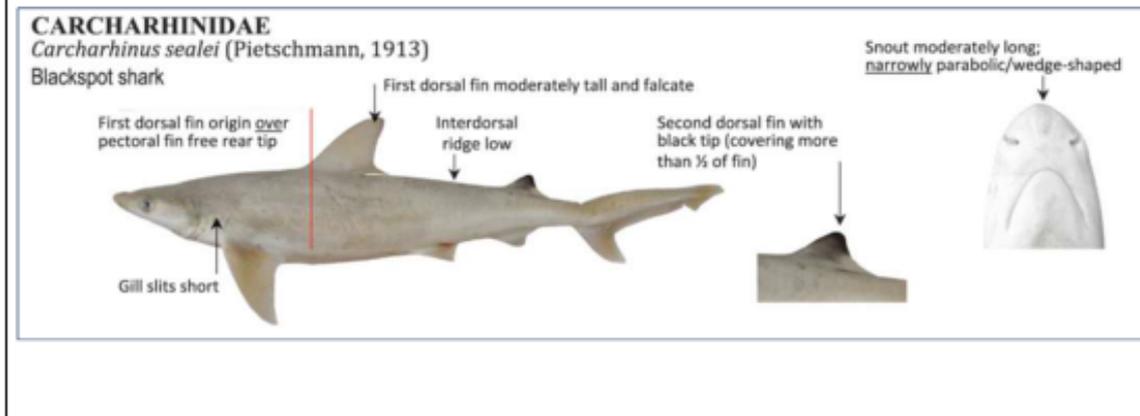
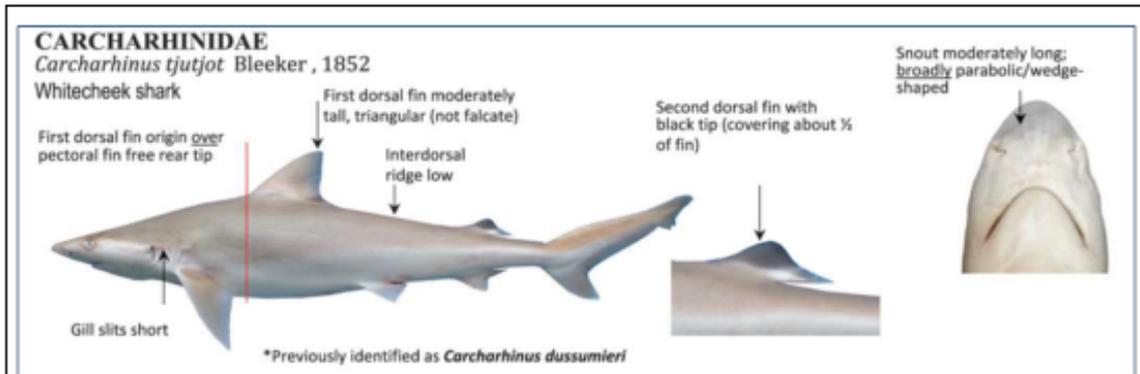
Snout broadly rounded and short

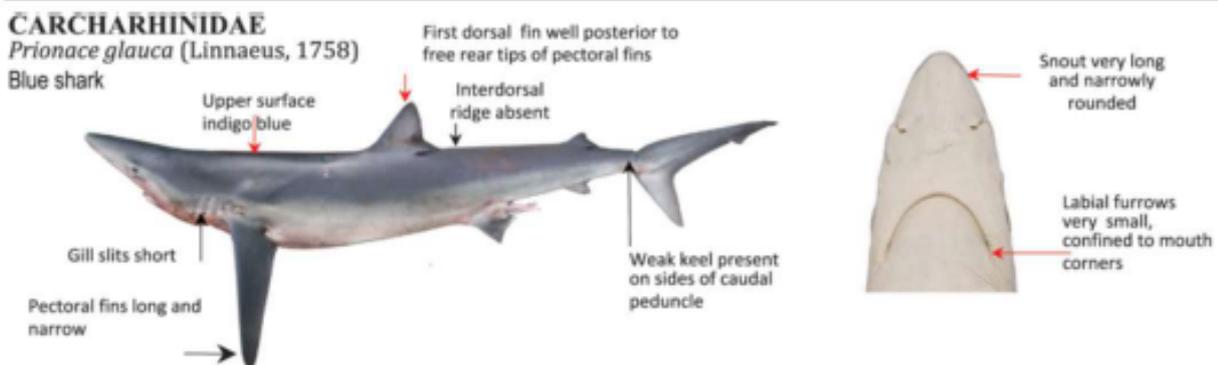
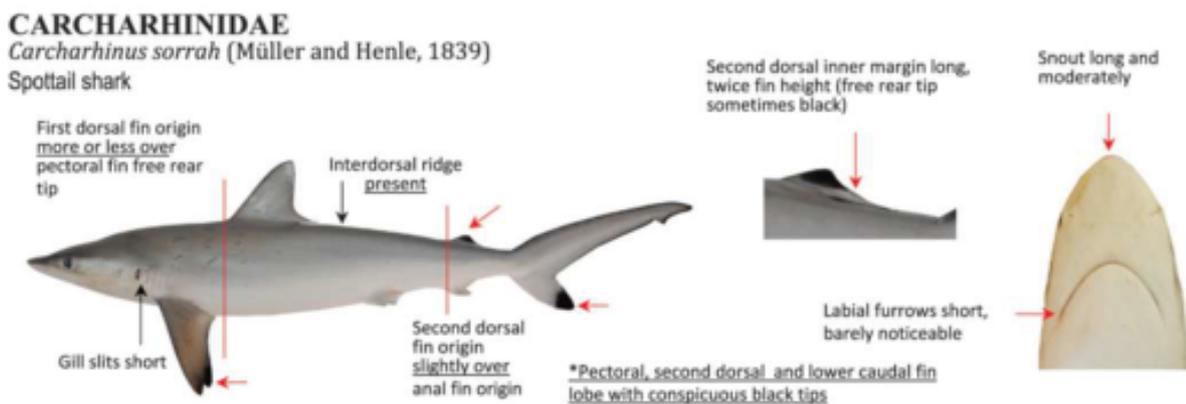
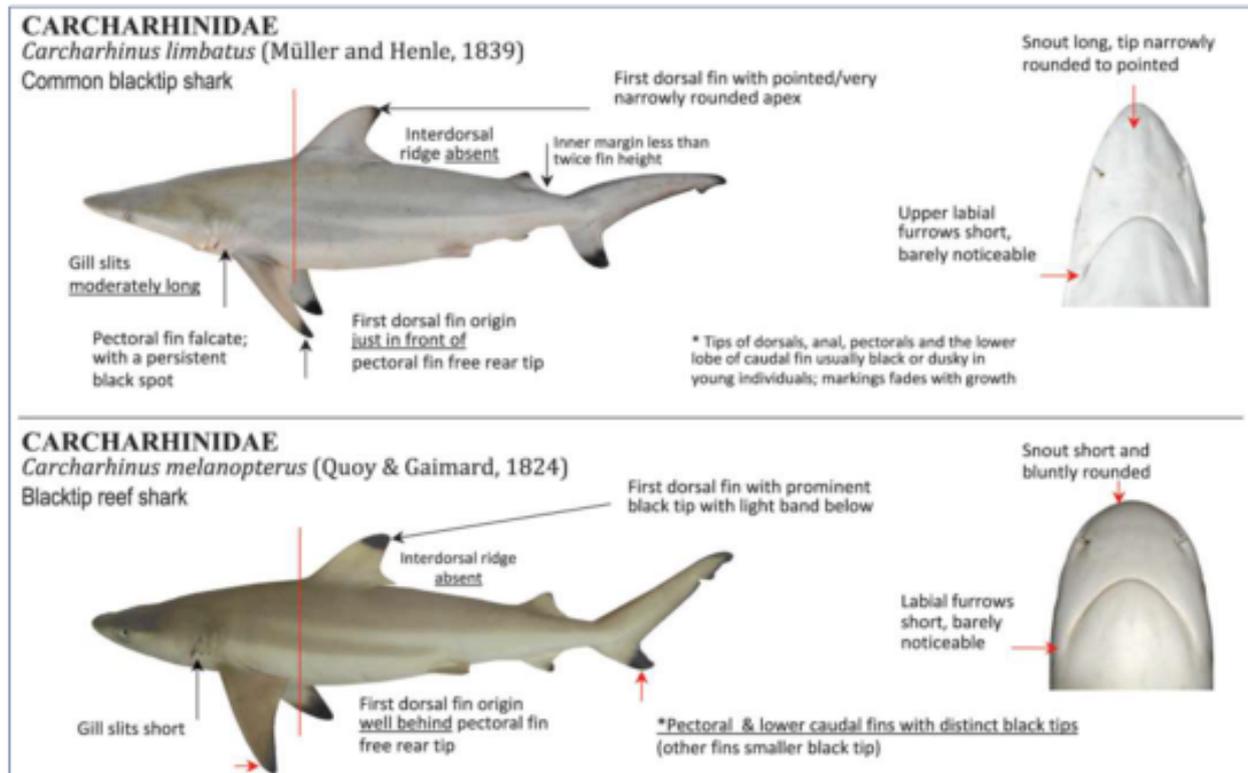


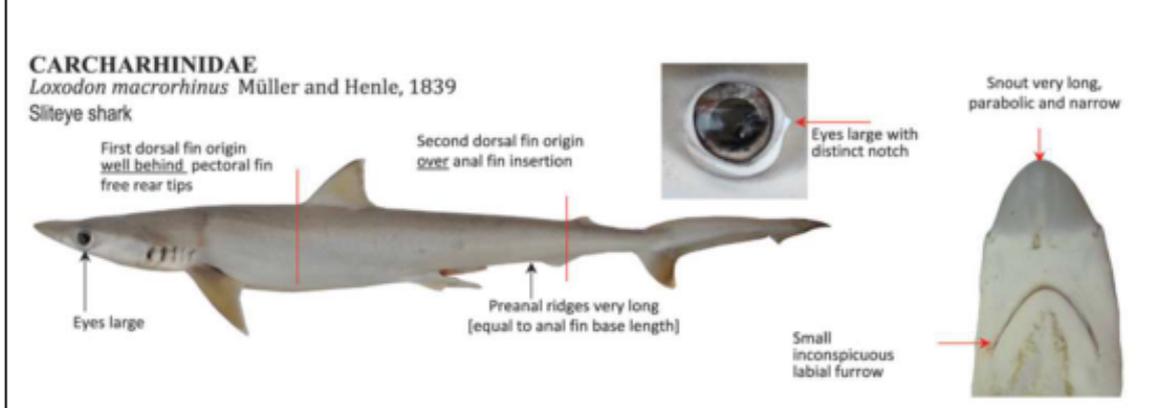
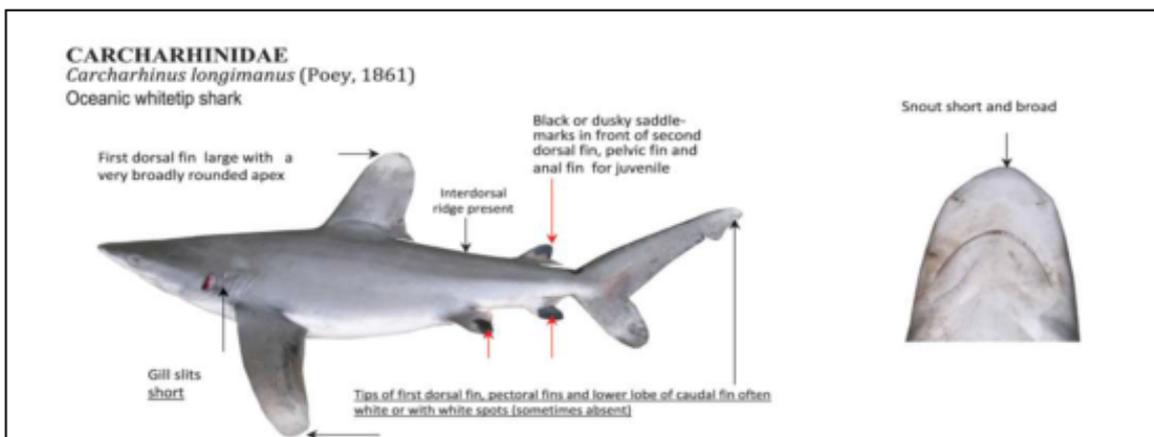
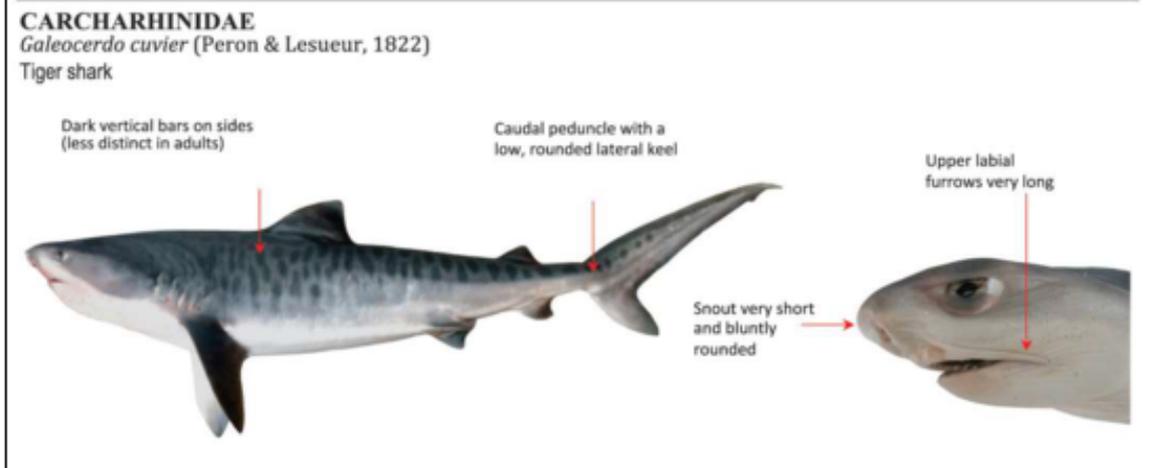
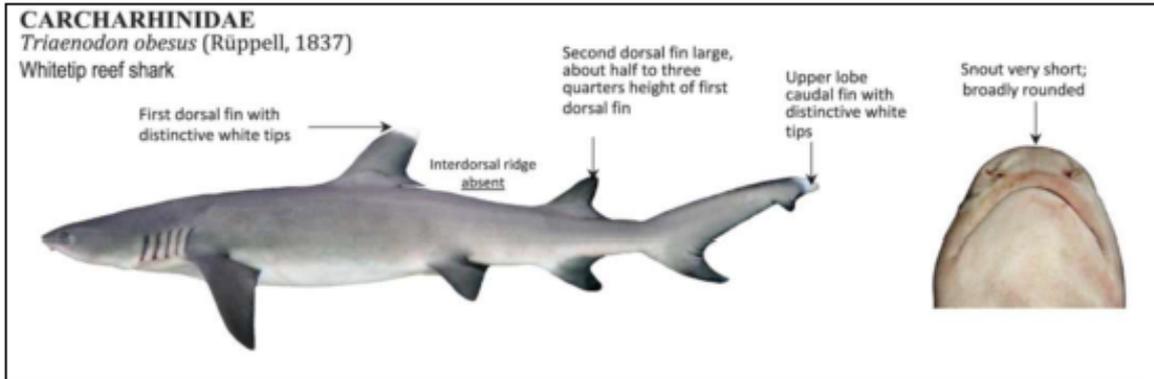
ADULT

No conspicuous marking on fins









SPHYRNIDAE
Sphyrna lewini (Griffith & Smith, 1834)
Scalloped hammerhead

First dorsal fin tall, moderately falcate
Second dorsal fin short with long rear tip; weakly concave posterior margin
Pelvic fin posterior margin straight
Anterior margin of head arched, barely indented at midline

SPHYRNIDAE
Sphyrna mokarran (Rüppell, 1837)
Great hammerhead

First dorsal fin very tall, strongly falcate (in adults)
Second dorsal fin short with short rear tip; strongly concave posterior margin
Pelvic fin posterior margin concave
Anterior margin of head nearly straight, shallowly indented at midline

SPHYRNIDAE
Eusphyrna blochii (Cuvier, 1816)
Winghead shark

Head extremely broad, wing-shaped, its width about half of total length
First dorsal fin very tall, strongly falcate
Ventral side of head

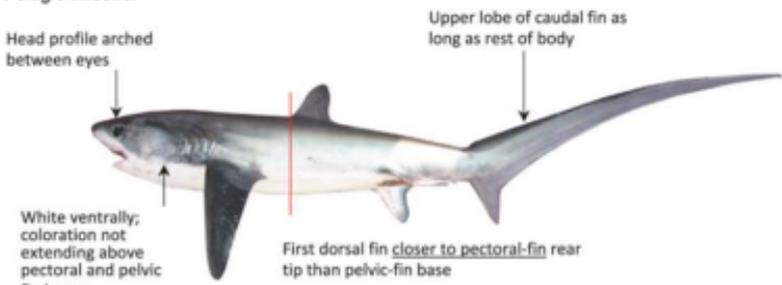
LAMNIDAE
Isurus oxyrinchus Rafinesque, 1810
Shortfin mako

Eyes relatively small
Second dorsal fin very small
Snout acutely long and pointed
Underside of snout and jaw white in adults
Pectoral fin SHORT; its length less than head length
Large lateral keels on caudal peduncle

LAMNIDAE
Isurus paucus Guitart Manday, 1966
Longfin mako

Second dorsal fin very small
Snout long and pointed
Underside of snout and jaws dark (in adults)
Pectoral fin LONG; its length more than head length
Large lateral keels on caudal peduncle
Top view

ALOPIIDAE
Alopias pelagicus Nakamura, 1935
Pelagic thresher



Head profile arched between eyes

White ventrally; coloration not extending above pectoral and pelvic fin bases

Upper lobe of caudal fin as long as rest of body

First dorsal fin closer to pectoral-fin rear tip than pelvic-fin base



Snout short and conical, its tip rounded



Eyes huge, NOT extending onto dorsal surface of head

Alopias superciliosus (Lowe, 1839)
Bigeye thresher



Deep horizontal lateral grooves from midline of head behind eyes to above gill region

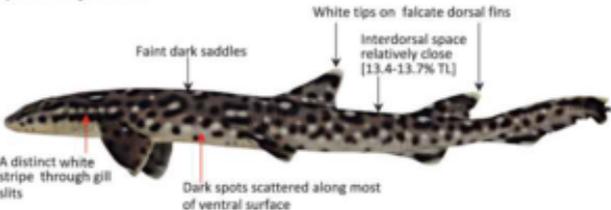
Long curving, upper tail lobe nearly as long as rest of body

First dorsal fin origin closer to pelvic-fin rear tip than pectoral-fin base



Eyes huge, extending onto dorsal surface of head

SCYLORHINIDAE
Atelomycterus erdmanni Fahmi & White, 2015
Spotted-belly catshark



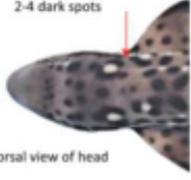
Faint dark saddles

A distinct white stripe through gill slits

Dark spots scattered along most of ventral surface

White tips on falcate dorsal fins

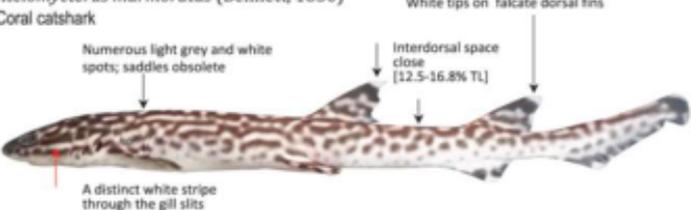
Interdorsal space relatively close [13.4-13.7% TL]



White spots surrounded by 2-4 dark spots

Dorsal view of head

SCYLORHINIDAE
Atelomycterus marmoratus (Bennett, 1830)
Coral catshark



Numerous light grey and white spots; saddles obsolete

A distinct white stripe through the gill slits

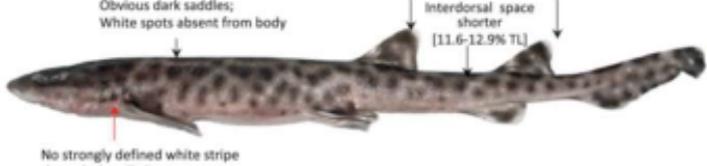
White tips on falcate dorsal fins

Interdorsal space close [12.5-16.8% TL]



Dorsal view of head

SCYLORHINIDAE
Atelomycterus baliensis White, Last & Dharmadi, 2005
Bali catshark



Obvious dark saddles; White spots absent from body

No strongly defined white stripe through the gill slits

Pale tips on weakly falcate dorsal fins

Interdorsal space shorter [11.6-12.9% TL]

HEMISCYLLIIDAE
Chiloscyllium indicum (Grenlin, 1789)
Slender bambooshark

Body and tail very slender
Lateral skin ridges present on trunk
Posterior margins of dorsal fins straight to convex
ADULT with numerous small dark spots and blotches
ANAL fin origin far behind free rear tip of second dorsal fin
ANAL fin base & lower caudal-fin lobe base about equal in length
JUVENILE Spotted with black-edged saddles

HEMISCYLLIIDAE
Chiloscyllium plagiosum (Bennett, 1830)
Whitespotted bambooshark

Body and tail relatively slender
Weak lateral skin ridges on trunk
Posterior margins of dorsal fins straight to convex
ADULT Transverse broad dark saddles with white spots
ANAL fin origin close behind free rear tip of second dorsal fin
ANAL fin base much shorter than base of lower caudal-fin lobe
JUVENILE Transverse bands usually with scattering of small dark spots

HEMISCYLLIIDAE
Chiloscyllium punctatum Müller and Henle, 1839
Brownbanded bambooshark

No skin ridges on trunk
Body and tail moderately slender
Posterior margins of dorsal fins straight or distinctly concave
ADULT Plain coloured or with faint brownish bands
ANAL fin origin just behind free rear tip of second dorsal fin
ANAL fin base much shorter than base of lower caudal-fin lobe
JUVENILE Transverse bands usually with scattering of small dark spots
White margin on gill slits

HEMISCYLLIIDAE
Chiloscyllium hasseltii Bleeker, 1852
Indonesian bambooshark

Body and tail relatively stout
No skin ridges on trunk
Posterior margins of dorsal fins straight to convex
ADULT Lacking a colour pattern
ANAL fin origin close behind free rear tip of second dorsal fin
ANAL fin base shorter than base of lower caudal-fin lobe
JUVENILE Black-edged saddle marking and blackish blotches on fins

STEGOSTOMATIDAE
Stegostoma fasciatum (Hermann, 1783)
Zebra shark

ADULT Yellowish brown with numerous dark brown spots on body and fins
Caudal fin very long, blade-like
JUVENILE with prominent ridges on dorsal surfaces and sides
NEW BORN Dark brown with vertical white bars and spots

HEXANCHIDAE
Heptranchias perlo (Bonnaterre, 1788)
Sharpnose sevengill shark

Head narrow and pointed
Eyes large, green in life
Slender body
Single dorsal fin origin over inner margin of pelvic fin
Caudal peduncle long [twice length of dorsal fin base]
Seven gill slits
Snout pointed

HEXANCHIDAE
Hexanchus griseus (Bonnaterre, 1788)
Bluntnose sixgill shark

Head broad
Eyes small, fluorescent green in life
Body fusiform & relatively stout
Single dorsal fin origin over inner margin of pelvic fin
Caudal peduncle short [equal length of dorsal fin base]
Six gill slits

HEXANCHIDAE
Hexanchus nakamurai Teng, 1962
Bigeye sixgill shark

Head narrow
Eyes large, fluorescent green in life
Six gill slits
Head dorsoventrally flattened
Body fusiform & relatively slender
All fins with white trailing edges. Upper caudal fin for juvenile with black tip
Single dorsal fin origin over inner margin of pelvic fin
Caudal peduncle long [at least twice length of dorsal fin base]

Thank you

Module 3: How to Identify Rays

Rays which better known in scientific circles as “batoid fishes” are the largest subgroup of chondrichthyan fishes. Presently comprise 26 families and 633 valid name species. Rays vary in dimension from ~25 cm or so to more than 6.5 m. The body is mostly dorsoventrally flattened and usually modified into a disc formed by the complete or

partial fusion of the pectoral fins with the head and trunk. Pectoral fins which are often greatly enlarge, join the head forward of the gill slits (Last et al. 2016).

Some aspects which important to indent rays are morphology, size, distribution, habitat, biology, fisheries. These are the main features by which a species can be most easily identified in the field. These characteristics include body shape, teeth shapes, fin positions, dimensions, and colour patterns. Generally morphology of ray consist of:

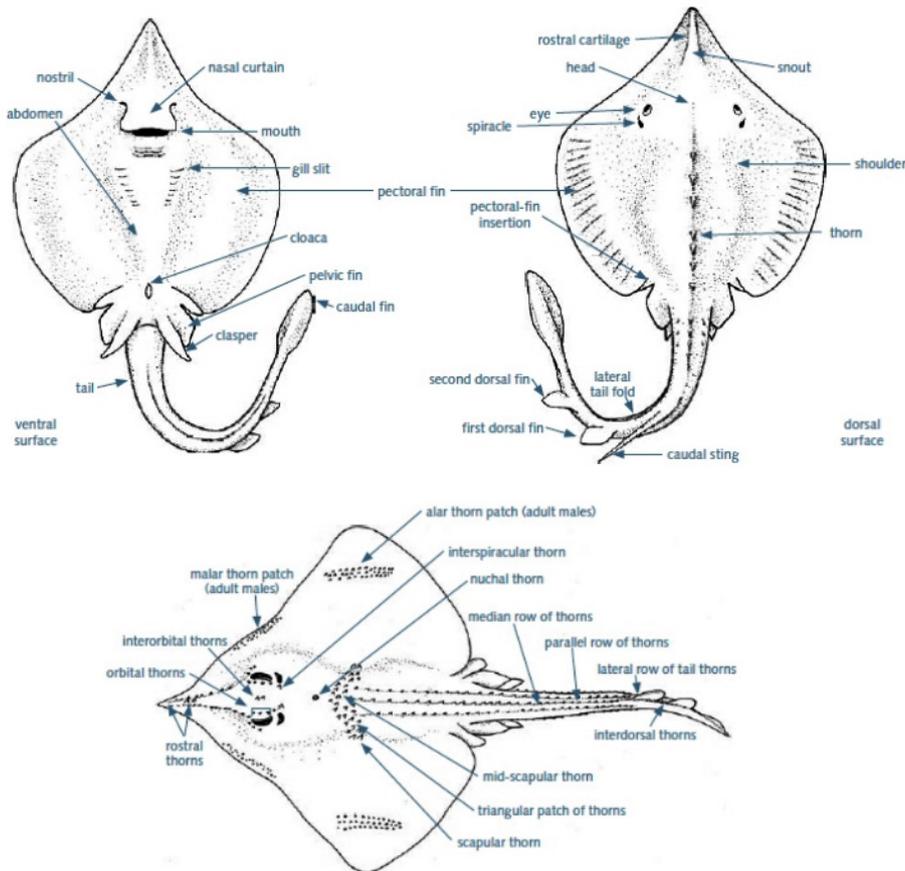


Figure 5. Ray morphology (Credit: Last et al.2016)

The body shape of rays also varies as below:

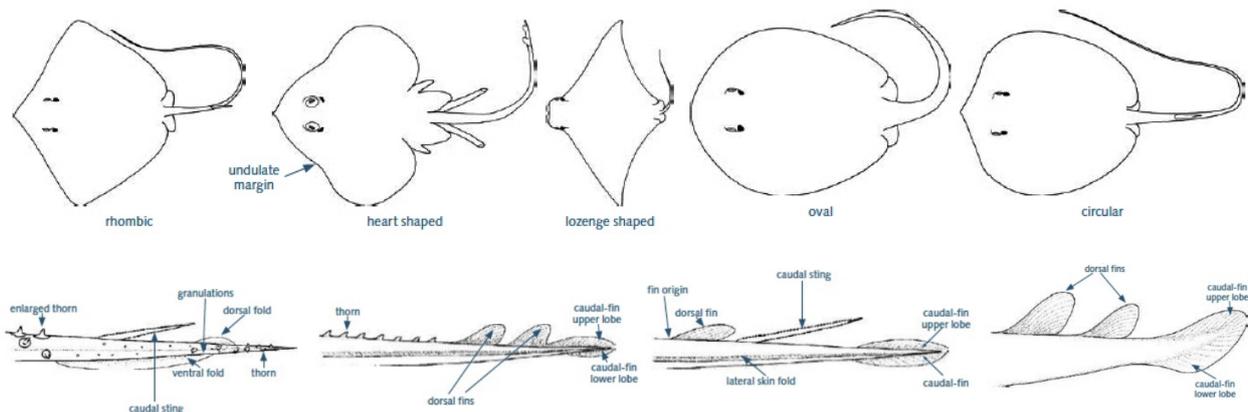


Figure 6. Disc shaped and tail characteristic (Credit: Last et al.2016)

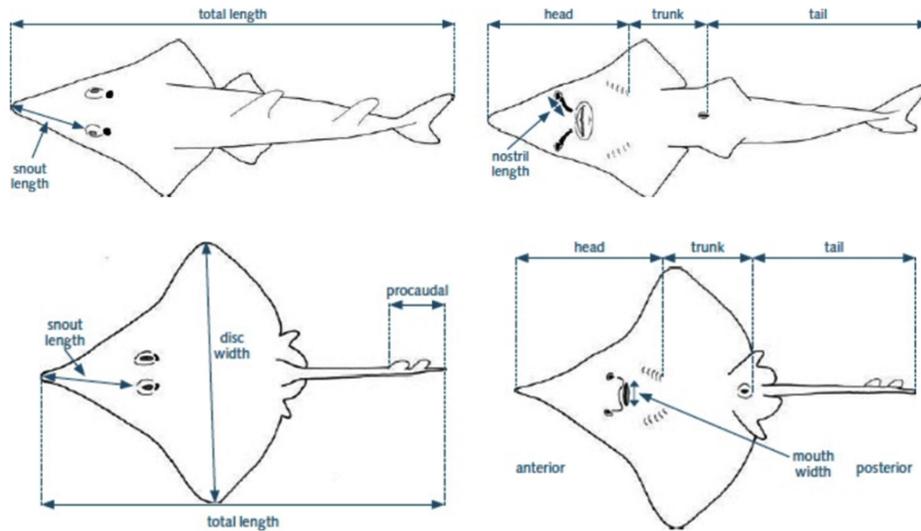
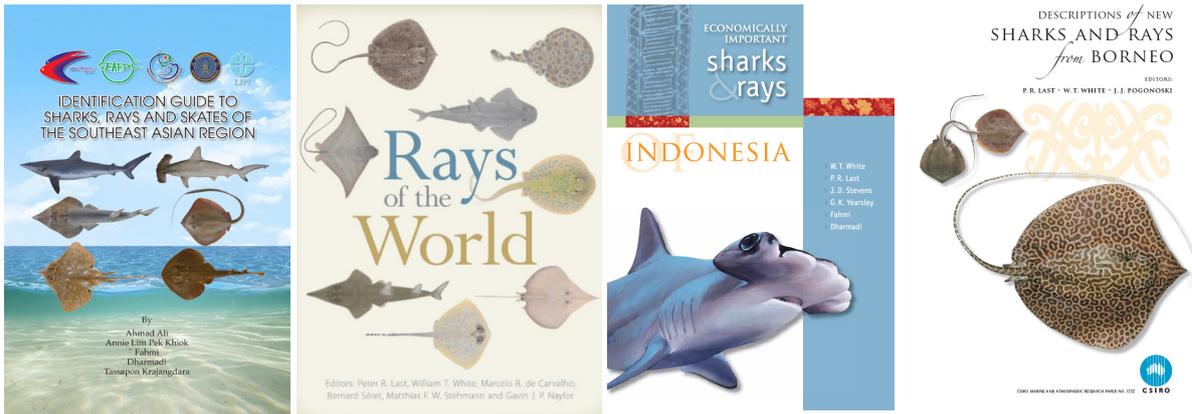


Figure 7. Body part of rays (Credit: Last et al.2016)

Identification Books

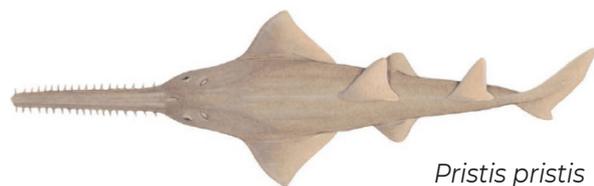
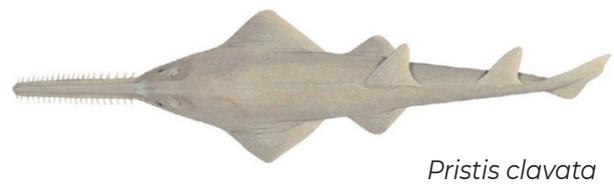
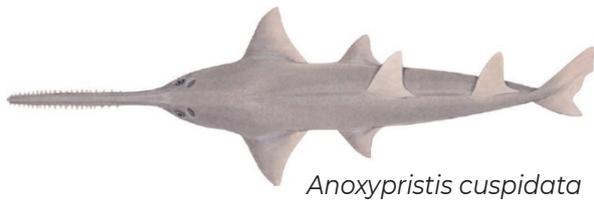
Identification book that used are:



Family of Rays

Pristidae/Sawfish

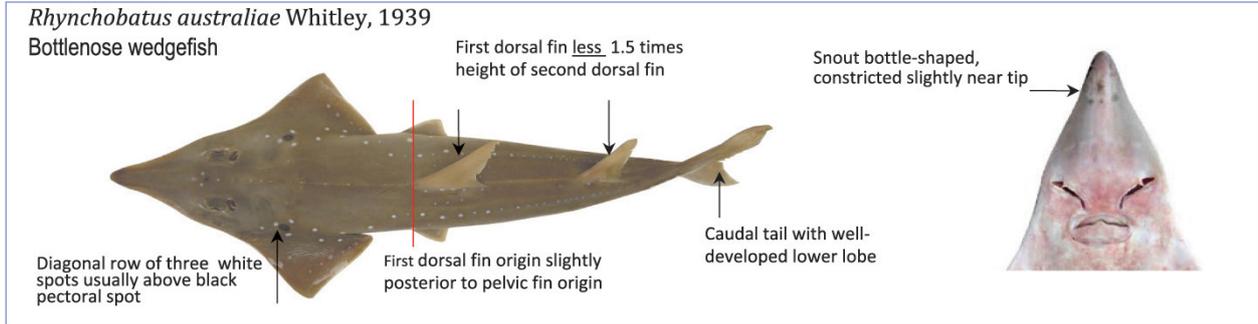
Snout modified into an elongate, flattened, saw-like blade with enlarged teeth along lateral margins



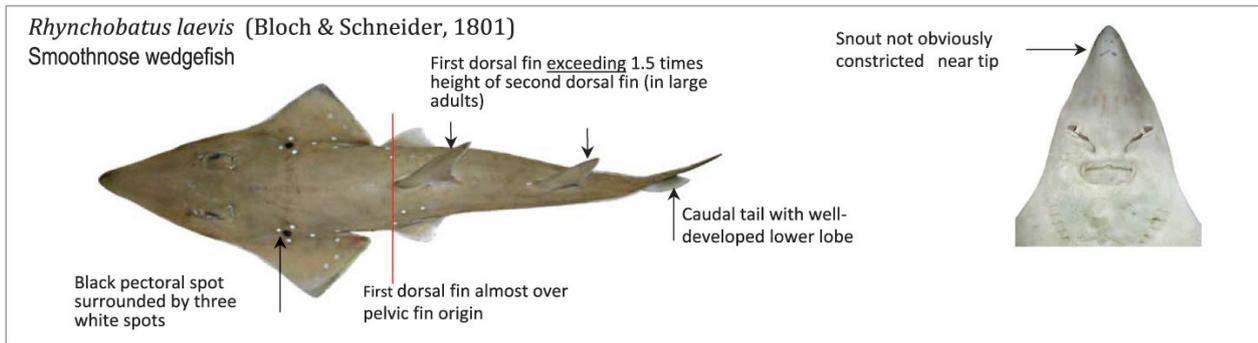
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Rhinidae/Wedgefish

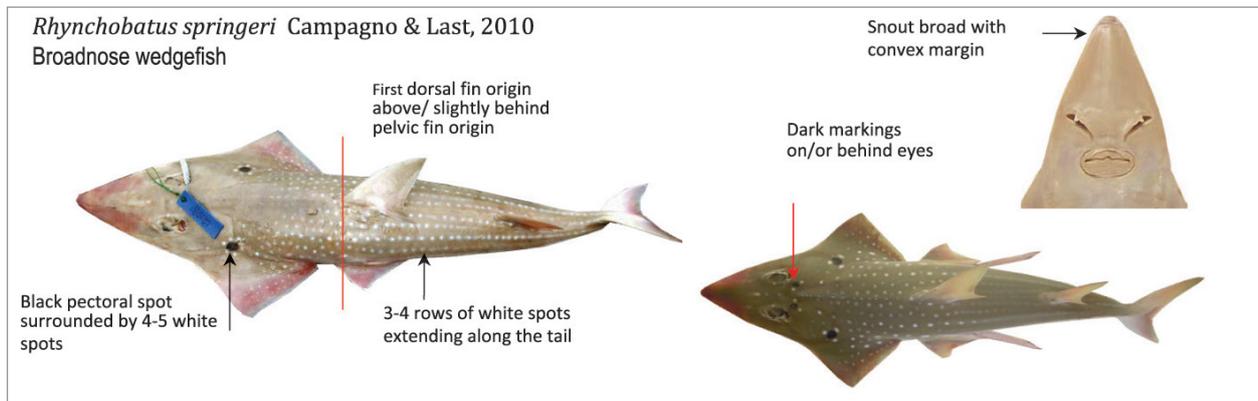
Snout varying from short to relatively long and either broadly rounded or acutely pointed.



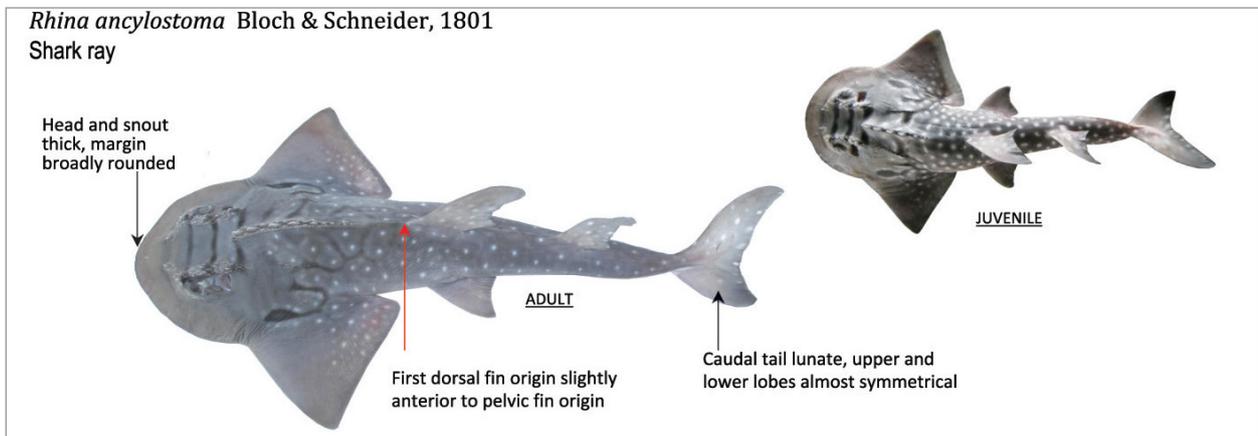
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Rhinobatidae/Guitarfish

Rhinobatos borneensis



Rhinobatos borneensis Last, Seret & Naylor, 2016
Borneo guitarfish

Clear part of snout not sharply demarcated from rest of head near eyes

Snout tip not forming a knob

Denticles along midline very small

Tips of dorsal and caudal fins darker than their bases (tips with black blotches in young)

Dorsal surface usually plain (often with faint orange blotches)

Anterior nasal aperture almost circular

Nostril broad and with wide nasal flaps

Previously identified as *Rhinobatos formosensis* in Ahmad *et al.*, 2014

Credit: Last et al. 2016, Ali et al. 2017

Rhinobatos penggali



Rhinobatos penggali Last, White & Fahmi, 2006
Indonesian guitarfish

Dorsal surface of disc with scattered white spots

Snout moderately long and bluntly pointed; length 4 – 4.5 times interorbital space

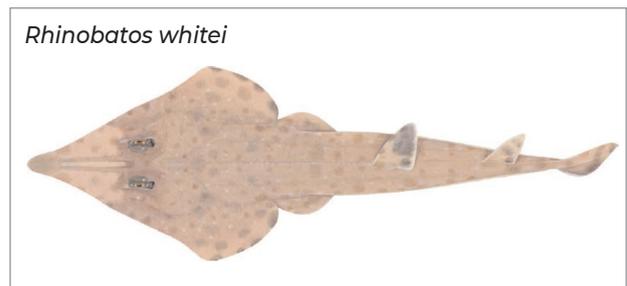
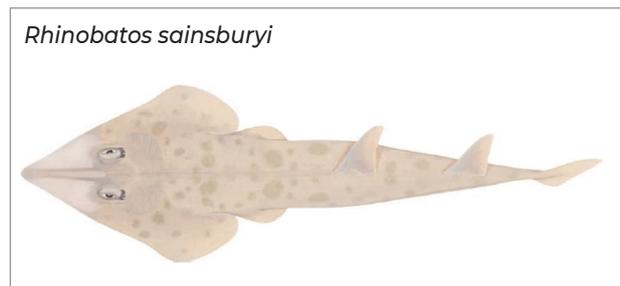
Dorsal fins obviously bicoloured

Lower lobe of caudal fin relatively small, deep and short

JUVENILE

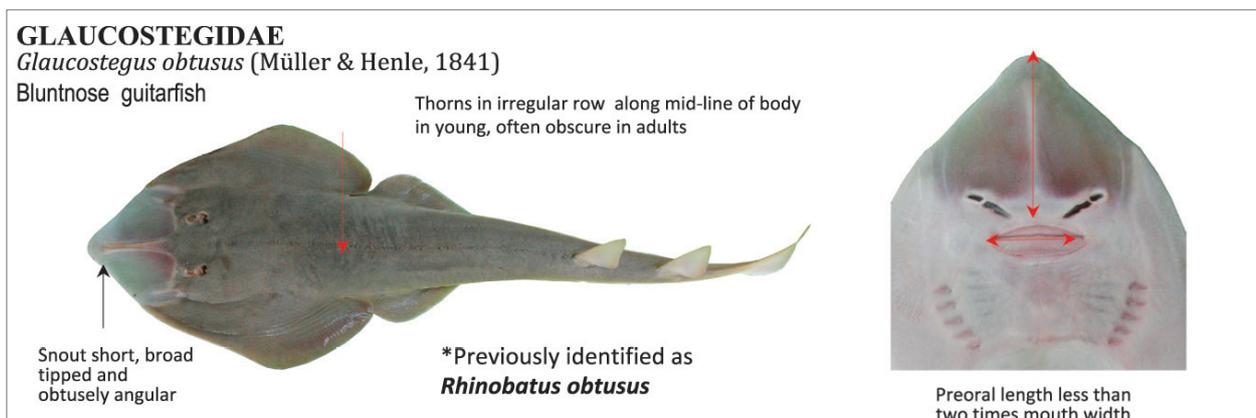
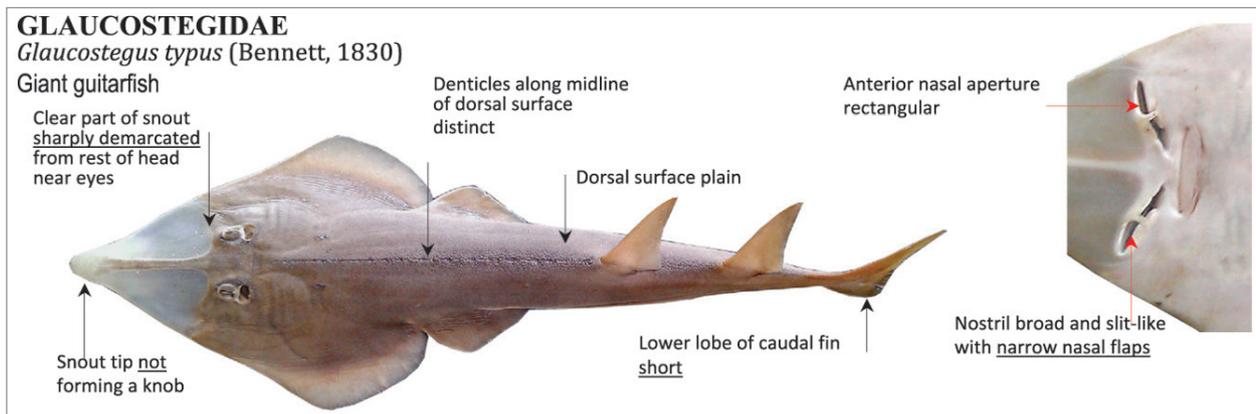
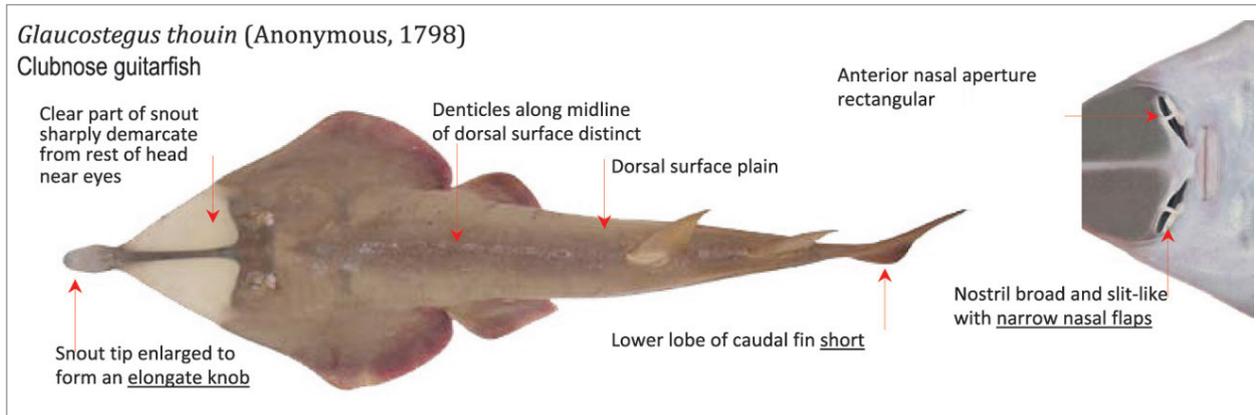
Anterior nasal aperture almost circular

Credit: Last et al. 2016, Ali et al. 2017



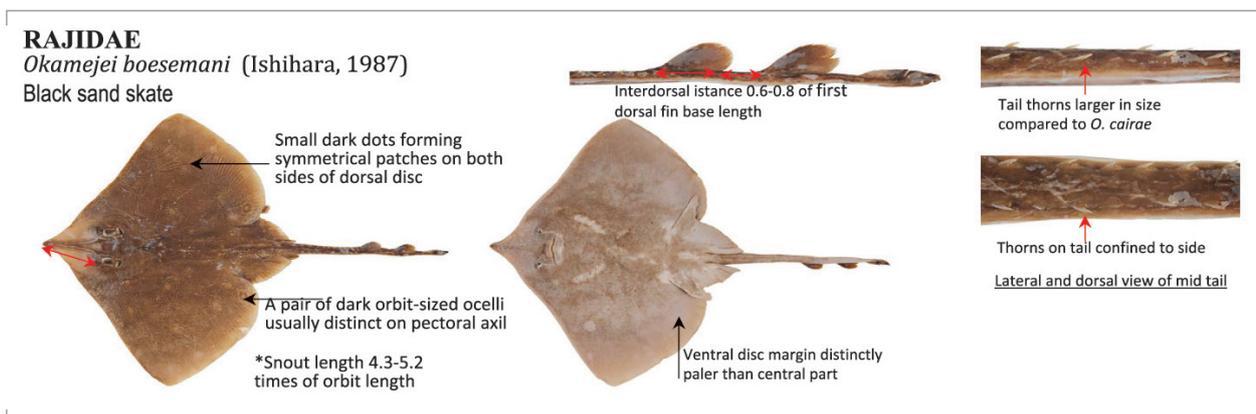
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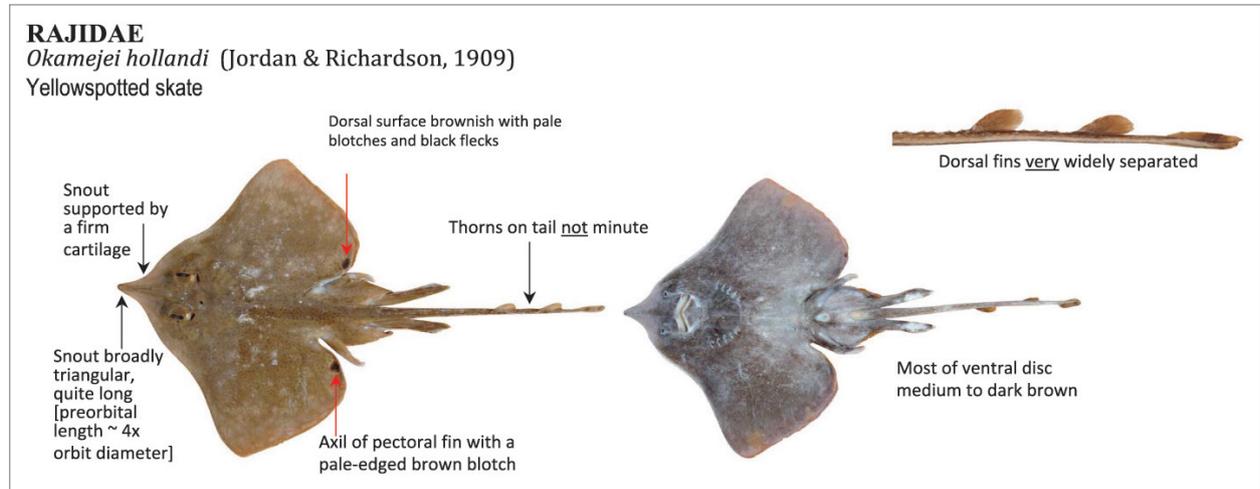
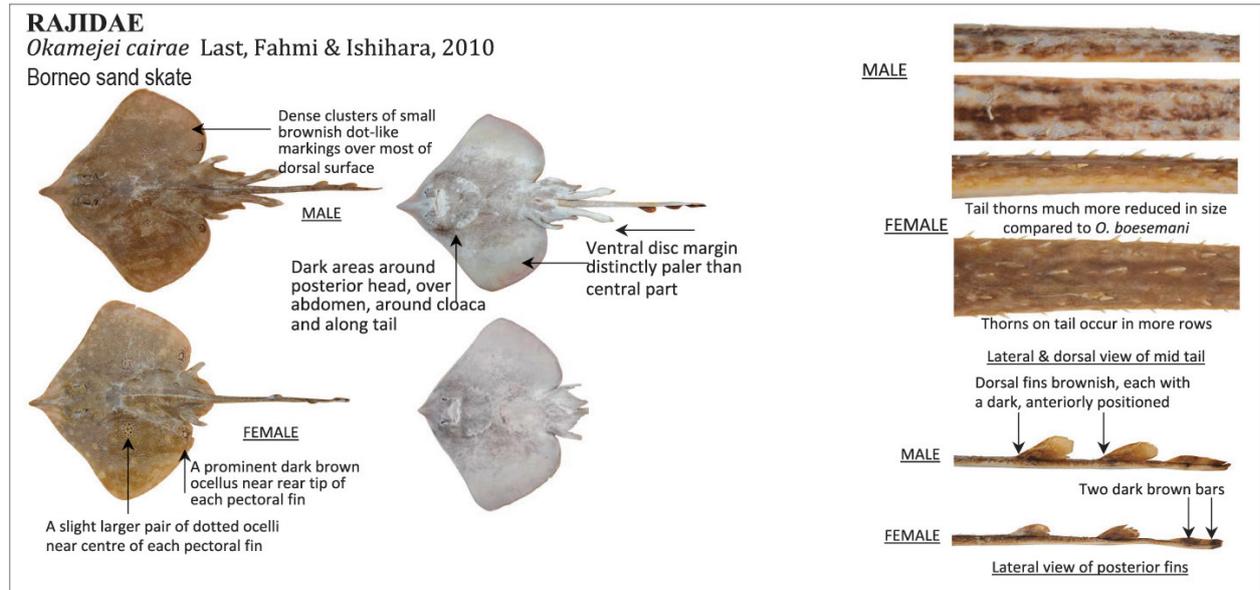
Glaucostegidae/ Giant-Guitarfish



Credit: Ali et al. 2017

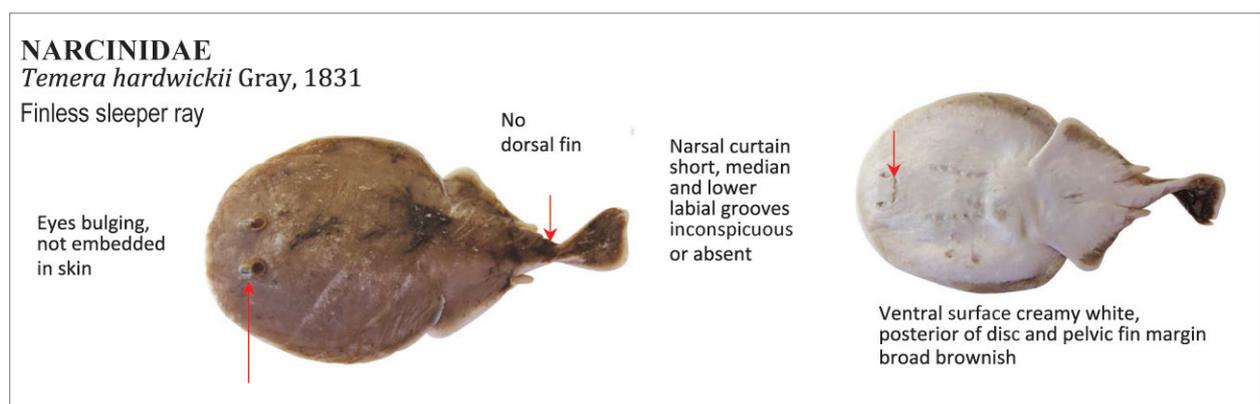
Rajidae/Skates





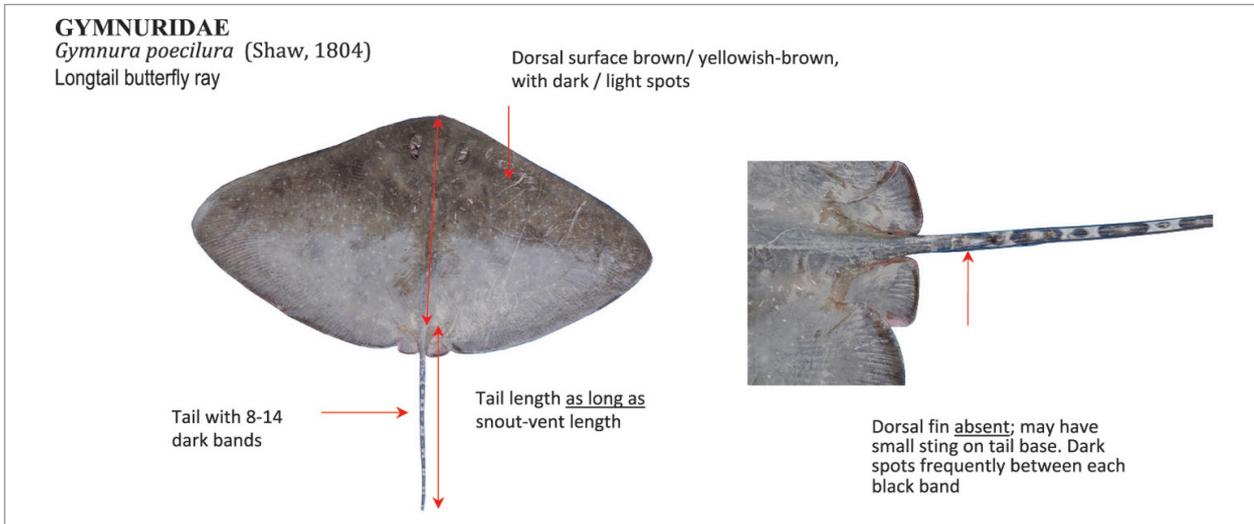
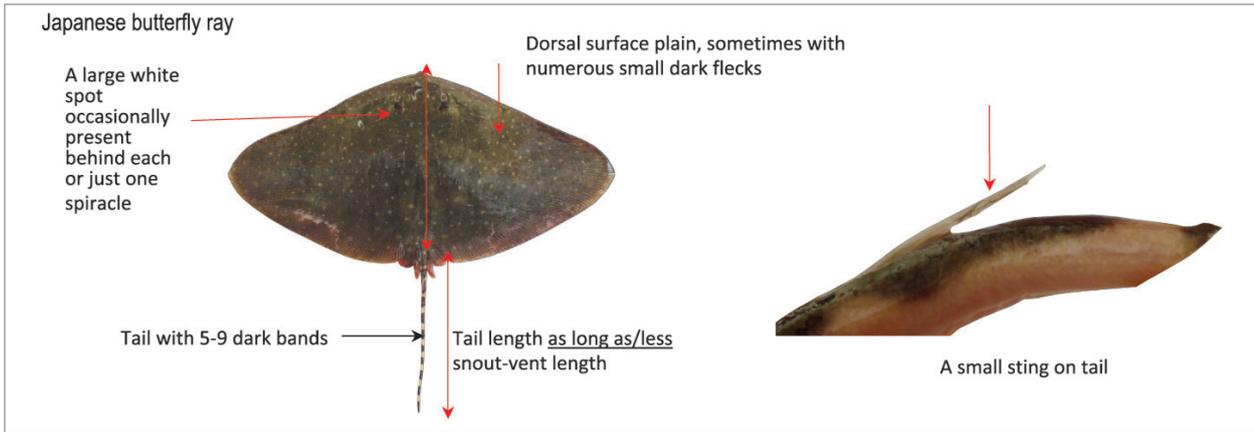
Credit: Last et al. 2017

Narcinidae/Numbfish



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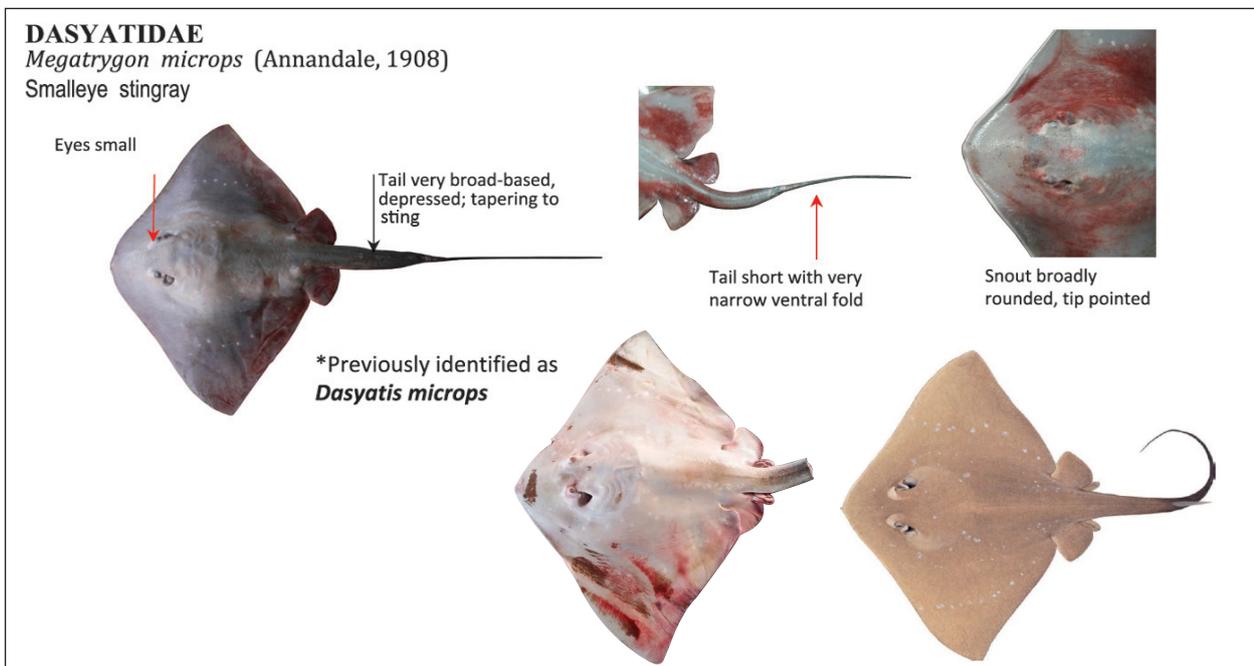
Narcinidae/Butterfly ray



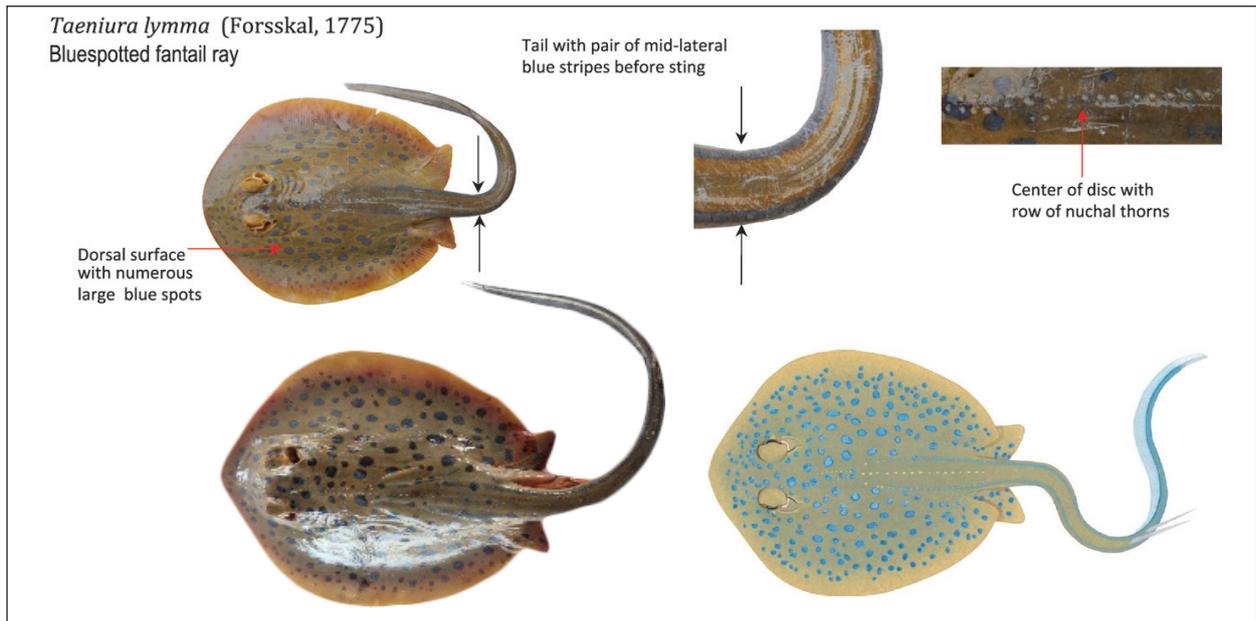
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Dasyatidae/Stingray

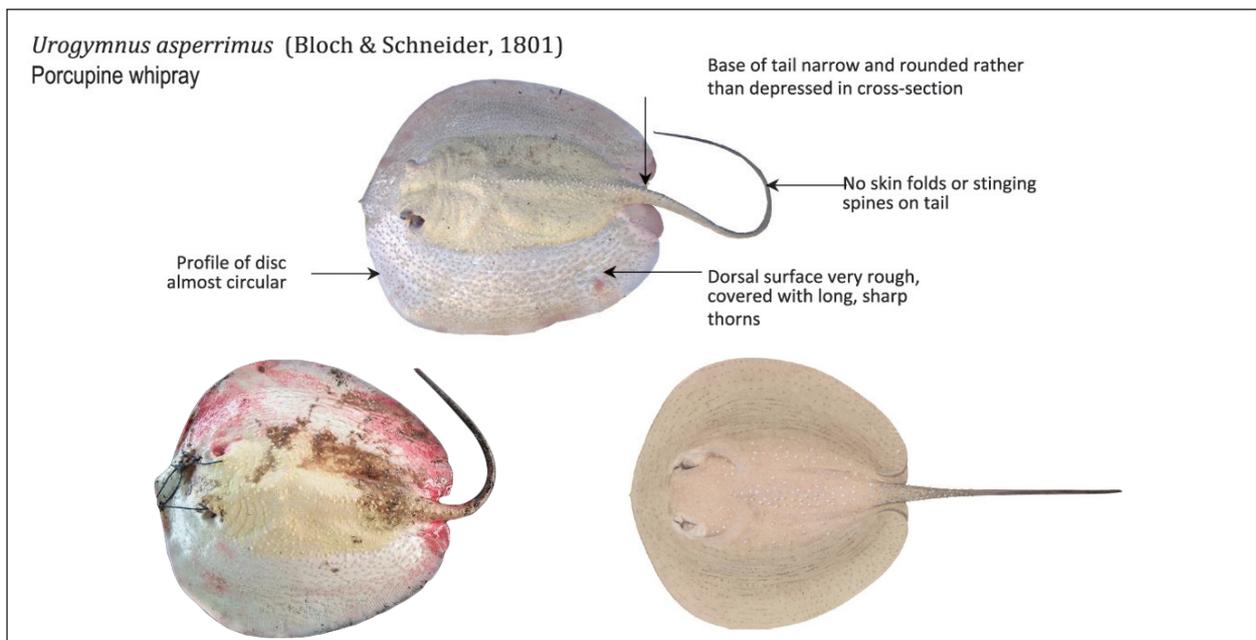
This family has been confirmed that the 2 largest genera (*Dasyatis* and *Himantura*) each consist of several genera. Presently this family contains of 19 genera. Example species are below:



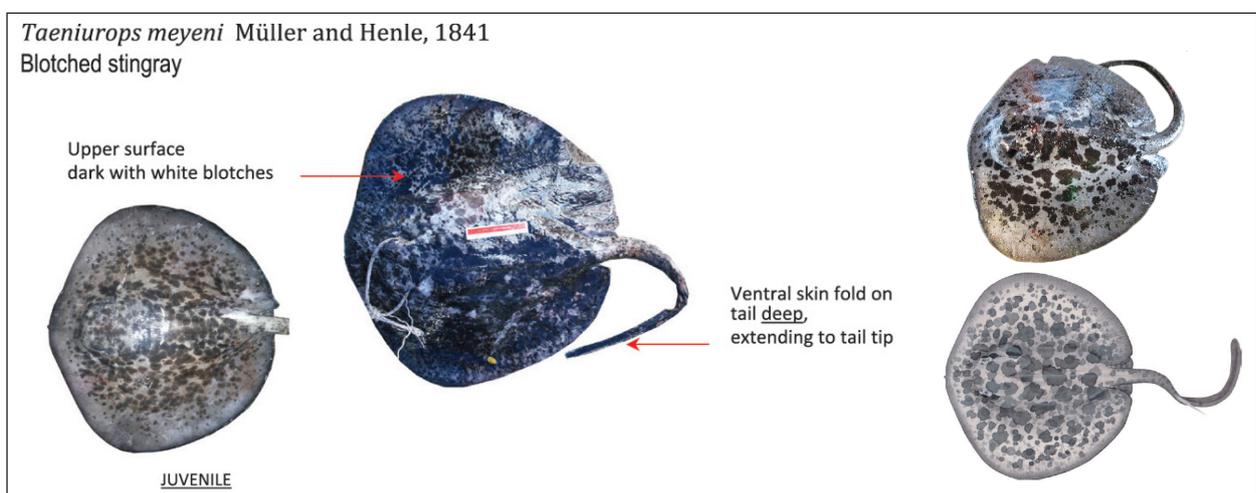
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DASYATIDAE
Pateobatis jenkinsii (Annandale, 1909)
Jenkins' whipray

Upper surface uniformly yellowish brown

Central disc and tail with row of upright thorns

Snout short and broad

Tail moderately long, Whip-like, uniformly dark (not banded)

*Previously identify as *Himantura jenkinsii*

DASYATIDAE
Pateobatis fai (Jordan & Seale, 1906)
Pink whipray

Dorsal surface uniformly yellowish or greyish pink

Snout short and broad

Pelvic fins small, relatively slender

Tail very long, whip-like and uniformly dark beyond sting (not banded)

No obvious band of denticles on central disc

*Previously identify as *Himantura fai*

DASYATIDAE
Maculabatis pastinacoides (Bleeker, 1852)
Round whipray

Tail long, whip-like and dark posteriorly (not banded)

Snout short, broadly triangular

Denticles band very broad, margin rounded on snout

Ventral disc: Whitish below, sometimes with a broad greyish posterior margin

Dorsal disc: Brownish or greyish

Usually one large, greenish pearl thorn on central disc

*Previously identify as *Himantura pastinacoides*

DASYATIDAE
Neotrygon orientalis Last, White & Seret, 2016
Oriental bluespotted maskray

Few short thorns confined to midline of disc

Dark transverse bars about the eyes

Tail not whip-like, its tip with broad black and white bands

Bright blue spots on dorsal surface

Ventral disc: Whitish below, with a broad greyish posterior margin

Oronasal region

Previously identified as *Neotrygon kuhlii*

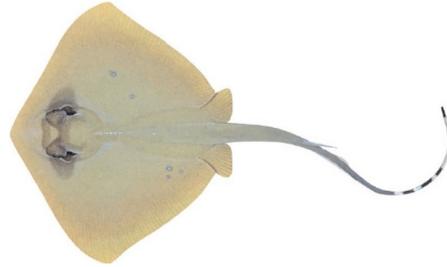
Source : Ali et al. 2017

Look alike species of Dasyatidae

Neotrygon orientalis



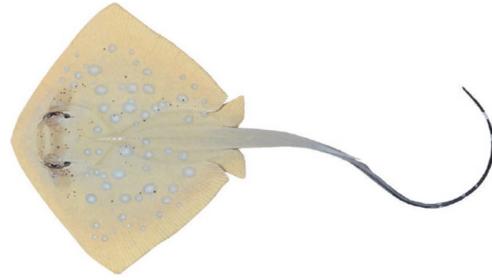
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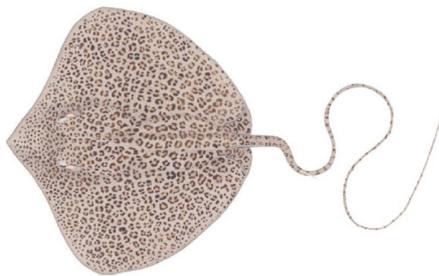
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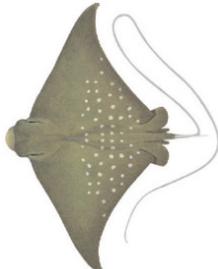
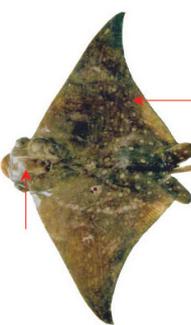
Himantura australiae



Credit: Last et al.2016

Myliobatidae/ Eagle Ray

MYLIOBATIDAE
Aetomylaeus maculatus (Gray, 1834)
Mottled eagle ray



Spiracles lateral on head

Dorsal disc surface brown with whitish spots

Tail more than twice body width

Edge of nasal curtain almost straight

Credit : Ali et al. 2017, Last et al. 2016

Aetobatidae/ Eagle Ray

MYLIOBATIDAE
Aetobatus ocellatus (Kuhl, 1823)
Spotted eagle ray

Spiracles dorsolateral on head

Snout moderately long, broadly rounded

Numerous white spots on dorsal disc surface

Nasal curtain V-shaped

Credit : Ali et al. 2017, Last et al. 2016

Rhinopteridae/ Cownose Ray

RHINOPTERIDAE
Rhinoptera javanica Müller and Henle, 1841
Javan cownose ray

Dorsal fin origin distinctly behind pectoral fin insertion

Posterior margin of dorsal fin strongly concave

Sting base behind dorsal fin inner margin

Snout strongly notched medially forming two lobes

Tail long, about 2.6-3.4 times DL (when undamaged)

Rostral flap short, its fleshy posterior edge not reaching mouth

RHINOPTERIDAE
Rhinoptera jayakari Boulenger, 1895
Short-tail cownose ray

Dorsal fin origin over or slightly forward of pectoral fin insertion

Posterior margin of dorsal fin almost upright

Sting base beneath dorsal-fin inner margin

Denticles in weak band on disc mid-line

Snout strongly notched medially forming two lobes

Tail short, about 1.4-1.8 times DL (when undamaged)

Rostral flap long, its fleshy posterior edge extending past mouth

Credit: Ali et al. 2017

Mobulidae/ Devil Ray

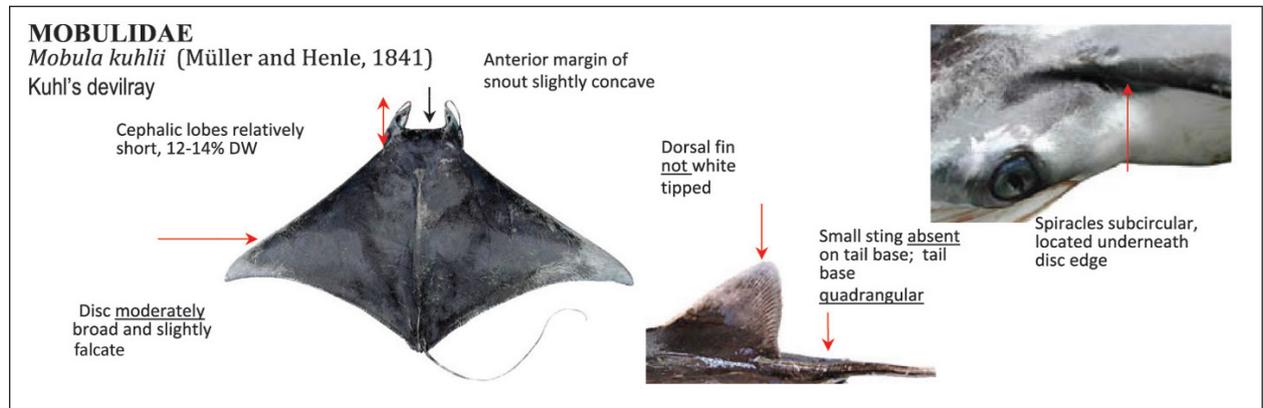
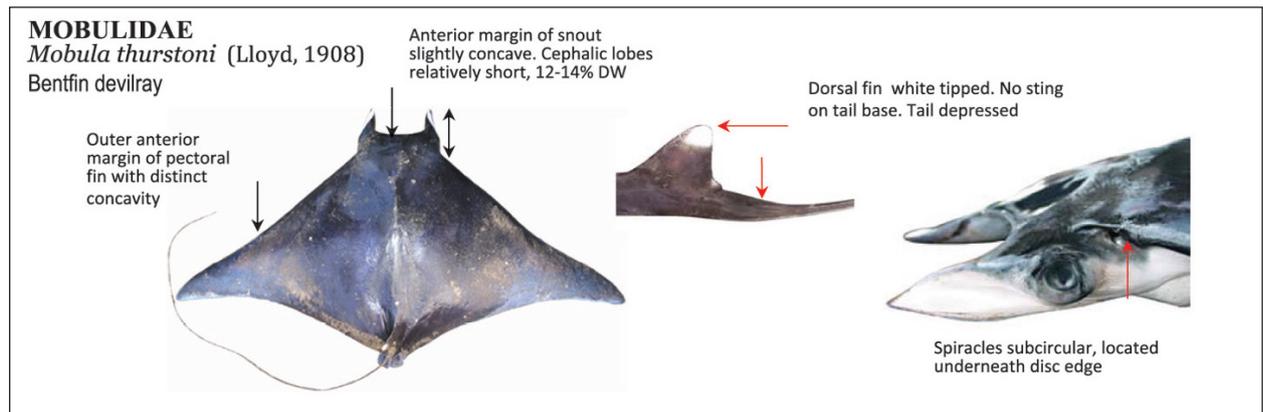
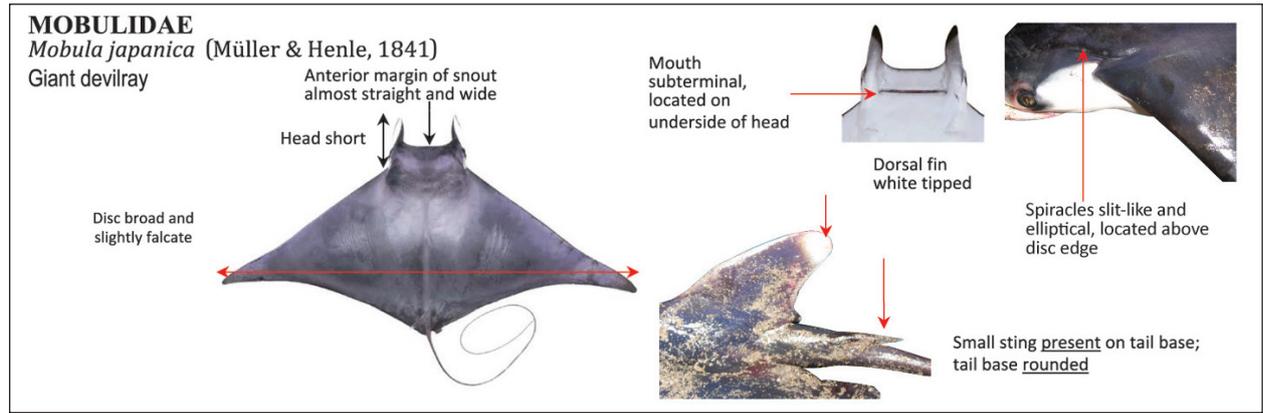
MOBULIDAE
Manta birostris (Walbaum, 1792)
Manta ray

Head very broad with long head fins

Cephalic fins not straight

White shoulder markings form two mirror image creating letter 'T' in black across top of the head

Mouth terminal, located at end of snout tip





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