

First record of hound shark, *Mustelus mosis* from Calicut



Mustelus mosis landed at Calicut

Occurrence of a houndshark, *Mustelus mosis*, was noticed during the last week of May, 2010 in the

landings of multi-day trawlers operating from at Beypore. *Mustelus mosis*, belongs to the family Triakidae, inhabiting the

continental shelves of western Indian ocean at depths ranging between 200 and 250 m. They are small to medium sized sharks and grow up to 150 cm. Houndsharks are distinguished by possessing two large spineless dorsal fins, an anal fin, and oval eyes with nictitating eyelids. They are found throughout the world in warm and temperate waters, where they feed on fishes and invertebrates on the seabed and midwater.

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