

Hemiscyllium dudgeonae

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Hemiscyllium dudgeonae Latest News

Recently, scientists have identified a new species of walking shark and named it as Hemiscyllium dudgeonae.

About Hemiscyllium dudgeonae

- It belongs to a small group of **walking sharks**.
- It was spotted in the waters **of Milne Bay**, off the southeastern tip **of Papua New Guinea**.
- It is locally known as "**kadedekedewa**," or "**lazy shark**".
- It uses its **fins to stroll across** the seafloor and even drag itself between shallow tide pools when the tide goes out.

What are Walking Sharks?

- Walking sharks belong to the **genus Hemiscyllium**,
- **Distribution:** It is found in the tropical waters around **Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea**.
- **Features**

- They typically grow to around 28 to 32 inches (70 to 80 centimeters) long.
- **Habitat:** They inhabit shallow **coastal habitats**, often less than 32 feet (ten meters) deep.
- Their limited mobility is one of their defining characteristics, and individual sharks may **spend their entire lives within an area** measuring only a few hundred square meters.
- They **lay egg cases directly on the seafloor**, so their offspring hatch close to where their parents lived.

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