

Blotched Catshark, *Asymbolus funebris*

Report Card assessment	Undefined Stock		
IUCN Red List Australian Assessment	Endemic to Australia	IUCN Red List Global Assessment	Data Deficient
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Report Card Remarks	Known from only a single record		

Summary

The Blotched Catshark is known from a single specimen collected off the southwest coast of Australia. It is likely to be of limited sensitivity to commercial fisheries because of its small size. However, there is very limited information on the species. Therefore, it is assessed as Data Deficient (IUCN) and Undefined Stock (SAFS).



Stock structure and status

There is currently no information on population size, structure, or trend for the species.

Fisheries

The Blotched Catshark's interaction with fisheries is minimal because it is unlikely to be caught in any fisheries operating within its known range due to its small size. There are no other known major threats to the species at present.

Habitat and biology

The Blotched Catshark is found at depths of approximately 195 m. The single female specimen was 44 cm TL. The biology of the species is almost entirely unknown (Last and Stevens 2009).

Longevity and maximum size	Longevity: unknown Max size: unknown
Age and/or size at maturity (50%)	Unknown

Link to IUCN Page: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/41721/0>

Link to page at Shark References: <http://www.shark-references.com/species/view/Asymbolus-funebris>

References

Last, P.R. and Stevens, J.D. 2009. Sharks and Rays of Australia. Second Edition. CSIRO Publishing, Collingwood, Australia.