

Biology of four abundant elasmobranch species in the bycatch in commercial fisheries of south-western Australia

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Port Jackson shark, southern eagle ray, Australian angle shark and western shovelnose ray

Port Jackson shark

- 1. Most abundant bycatch species in south west demersal gillnet and longline fishery**
- 2. Juveniles live in nearshore waters. Adults live in reef habitats in various depths**
- 3. Size composition and reproductive biology in western and eastern Australia differ**
- 4. Size at maturity: females - 715 mm, males - 595 mm**
- 5. Two hermaphrodites**