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Scientific Name: -*Scoliodon laticaudus*

Family: Carcharhinidae

Common Name: Indian dogshark or Dog fish

Physical Characteristics:

Elongated, spindle-shaped body tapered at the ends, making it a very fast swimmer. The trunk and tail are laterally compressed, while the head region is dorsoventrally compressed. An exoskeleton of placoid scales covers the entire body.

Geographical Distribution:

The Indo-Pacific region. Its range extends from the eastern coast of Africa, including the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea, eastward to Southeast Asia, northern Australia, and the western Pacific Ocean.

Economic Importance:

It plays a role in marine ecosystems as a predator and as a part of the food web. While not a major commercial species, it contributes to the diversity and productivity of coastal ecosystems in the Indo-Pacific region.

