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**Scientific Name: - *Squalus* sps.**

**Family: Squalidae**

**Common Name: Dogfish**

**Physical Characteristics:**

An 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:**

It is primarily found in the Indo-Pacific region, inhabiting coastal waters from the eastern coast of Africa, including the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea, to Southeast Asia, northern Australia, and the western Pacific Ocean.

**Economic Importance:**

While dogfish are an interesting component of marine ecosystems in the Indo-Pacific region, they do not have significant direct economic importance but do contribute to coastal water biodiversity and ecological balance.