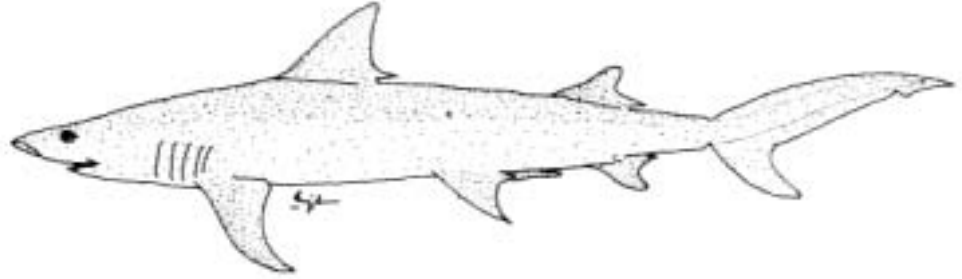


Hemipristis elongatus (Klunzinger, 1871)



English Name:	Snaggletooth shark	Family:	HEMIGALEIDAE
Local Name:	Dhaiy bulhi miyaru	Order:	Carcharhiniformes
Size:	To at least 2.3 m; possibly to 2.4 m,	Specimen:	MRS/P0376/92

Distinctive Characters: A medium-sized shark with blunt, rounded snout. Teeth absent at symphysis (midline) of lower jaw. Lower teeth near symphysis long and strongly hooked. Upperteeth broad and curved with both edges serrated. Gill openings long, the longest over three times eye length.

Colour: Grey; paler below.

Habitat and Biology: Occurs in coastal waters at depths up to 30 m. Feeds on inshore pelagic and bottom fishes. Viviparous with a yolk-sac placenta; 6-8 young per litter.

Distribution: Indo-West Pacific.

Remarks: *Hemipristis c/ongatus* appears to be rare in Maldives. The only known record so far is a set of jaws seen on a R. Maduvari shark-netting dhoni operating in Haa Alifu Atoll. The jaws were saved by one of the crew only because he had never seen this species before, This also appears to have been the first record from an oceanic island.

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