

Epaulette Shark

The Epaulette shark is a carpet shark, or if you want to get scientific it is *Orectolobiformes*.

This shark is oviparous. They deposit their fertilized eggs on the sea floor. Epaulette sharks live in coral reefs in the southwest Pacific, Australia, and New Guinea. Even though their teeth are pointy, their teeth flatten when they are eating hard shells. These sharks also feed on fish, worms, and crabs. Epaulette sharks can get 3 ft 6 in (1.07 m) in length. Epaulette sharks often swim in very shallow water, 0-160 ft (0-50 m) deep. Since they live in such shallow water it is easy for a diver to catch one and bring it out of the water. But that would be considered rude to the animal, not to mention scary.

Luckily these sharks are not fished.

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