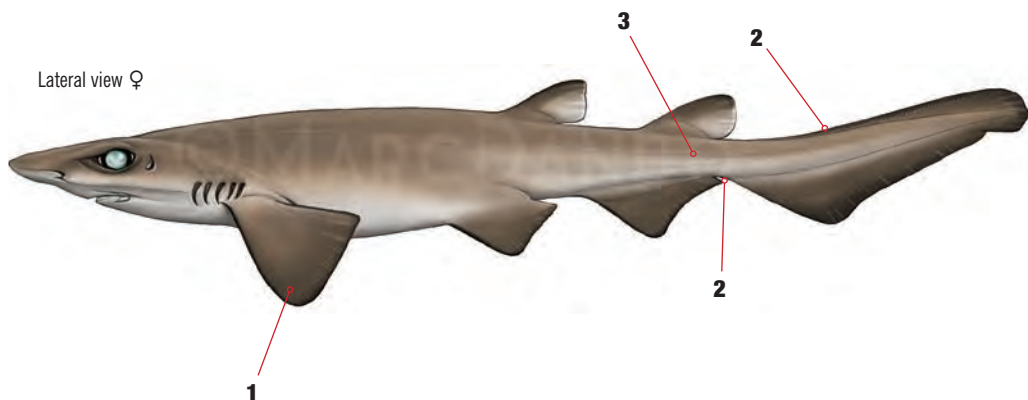


Lateral view ♀



SCIENTIFIC NAME

Galeus murinus (Collett, 1904)

DISTRIBUTION

Northeast Atlantic from west coast of Iceland to the Faroes, west of Scotland and Ireland to Morocco including Madeira and Canary Islands.^{1,2}

COMMON NAMES

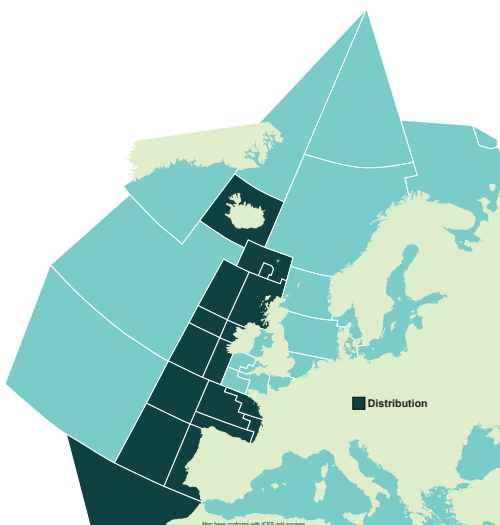
MOUSE CATSHARK, Maus-Katzenhai (DEU), Pintarroja Islándica (ESP), Chien Islandais (FRA), Muiskathaai (NLD), Leitão-islandês (PRT).

IDENTIFICATION AND COLOUR

- 1 Large, broadly rounded pectoral fins.^{1,3}
- 2 Crest of dermal denticles along upper margin of elongated tail and underside of caudal peduncle.^{1,3}
- 3 Precaudal tail cylindrical.^{1,3}
- Uniformly brown above, slightly lighter below.^{1,3}
- Inside of mouth dark/black.^{1,3}

SIZE AND BIOLOGY

- Matures: female 53cm; male 50–63cm.
- Max. TL: 63cm.³
- Oviparous, little else known about life history and biology.^{1–4}



EGGCASE

- ▶ 14–17mm wide.^{1,4}
- ▶ 54–56mm long.^{1,4}
- ▶ Surface covered with fine fibres giving it rough, a hairy appearance.^{1,4}
- ▶ Lacking tendrils at either end.^{1,4}
- ▶ Uniform yellow/gold in colour.^{1,4}



Eggcase © Iglésias et al. 2002. Cypium, 26(1).

SIMILAR SPECIES



White Ghost Catshark *Apristurus aphiodes*



Iceland Catshark *Apristurus laurussonii*



Ghost Catshark *Apristurus manis*



Smalleye Catshark *Apristurus microps*



Atlantic Sawtail Catshark *Galeus atlanticus*



Blackmouth Catshark *Galeus melastomus*

HABITAT

- ▶ Demersal on continental slopes, from 380–1,250m.^{1–3}

TEETH

- ▶ Unknown.

CONSERVATION STATUS*

- ▶ IUCN Red List: Global: Least Concern (2015)
Europe: Least Concern (2015)
- ▶ A little known deepwater catshark taken as bycatch in some trawl fisheries. Its small size and known depth range may prevent it from being taken in large numbers in the Northeast Atlantic.²

COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE

- ▶ Low commercial importance.^{1,2}

MANAGEMENT*

- ▶ Subject to prohibitions under the CFP, RFMO and FNA regulations.

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