First Record of Bluntnose Sixgill Shark Hexanchus griseus (Bonnaterre, 1788) (Hexanchiformes, Hexanchidae) from Hadhramout Coast, Gulf of Aden

Abstract

The new record of Hexanchus griseus (Bonnaterre, 1788) based on 148.1 cm as total length was collected during the traditional fishing activities in Hadhramout coast, north east Gulf of Aden, Yemen. It is compared with the specimen from the same species in the literature in terms of morphometrics and lower teeth. The analysis of the teeth of the current specie with H. nakamurai, do not let doubt that these characteristics linked to the new record of Hexanchus griseus in the Gulf of Aden for first time.

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Hexanchus griseus (Bonnaterre, 1788). English Name: Bluntnose sixgill shark Local Name: Madu miyaru Size: Max. 4.8 m. Family: HEXANCHIDAE Order: Hexanchiformes. Distinctive Characters: A large, heavy bodied shark with six gill slits. Small eyes. Broad head with rounded snout. Single dorsal fin. Six rows of comb-like teeth on each side of lower jaw, each with inner edge serrated. Colour: Usually dark grey. Habitat and Biology: Benthic or pelagic, on the continental and insular shelves and upper slopes. Depths from surface to at least 1875 m. Young often close inshore.