

New record of Longfin mako shark, *Isurus paucus*
from Sri Lanka

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An investigation into the taxonomy of Mako sharks revealed the presence of two *Isurus* sp. (Rafinesque, 1810), in the catches landed in the west and the south-west coasts of Sri Lanka. Over 300 specimens of Mako shark were observed during the period February 1993 to January 1995 at two major fish landing sites in the West and the South-west coasts. The basic morphometric measurements were taken with special attention to the head and the pectoral fin lengths. The head length/pectoral fin length ratio of the Shortfin mako always exceeded 1.5 and that of the Longfin mako fluctuated between 1.0 and 1.3.

The morphometric data indicated the occurrence of the Shortfin mako *I. oxyrinchus* (Rafinesque, 1809), and the Longfin mako *I. paucus* (Guitart Manday, 1966). The latter has not been previously recorded from Sri Lanka.