



## CRESTED HORN SHARK

The Crested Horn Shark is a small species of shark characterised by its blunt snout and prominent spines on its dorsal fins. Their latin genus name '*Heterodontus*' refers to their unique dentition, featuring distinct types of teeth that aid in crushing and grinding prey, making them specialised predators in rocky reef environments.

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Heterodontus galeatus*

**DIET:** Sea urchins, crustaceans, molluscs and small fishes.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Southwest Pacific - east Australia, southern Queensland and New South Wales.

**MAXIMUM SIZE:** 1.3m

**HABITAT:** Intertidal area to 93m deep. Often found around rocky reefs, seagrass beds and in seaweed.

### DISTRIBUTION MAP:



### CONSERVATION STATUS:



**Least  
Concern**