## **FACT FILE**





## **EPAULETTE SHARK**

The Epaulette Shark is a species of longtailed carpet shark. They are often also referred to as the Walking Shark, because they use their fins to walk over coral reefs. They are largely nocturnal and are most active at low water.

**DISTRIBUTION**: Found around the coast of Queensland, the Northern Territory, and northern Western Australia. Also found around New Guinea.

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Hemiscyllium ocellatum

**DIET:** Benthic crustaceans, worms and small fish.

MAXIMUM SIZE: 1.07m

**HABITAT:** Shallow coral reefs, down to 40m deep.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAP:**

## **CONSERVATION STATUS:**





Least Concern