

# Port Jackson Shark

## *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*



Port Jackson Shark, *Heterodontus portusjacksoni*,  
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This primitive bottom-dwelling shark is one of the bullhead sharks. It is easily recognised by the square edged head, spines at the front of the two dorsal fins and its cream-brown colour with irregular dark stripes and bands. Females lay large spiralled egg cases that are wedged into crevices while soft, which then harden and become difficult to dislodge. The young will take up to one year to develop within the egg case.