Reticulate whipray at Chek Jawa

Subject: Reticulate whipray, Himantura uarnak (Chondrichthyes: Dasyatidae).

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Location, date and time: Pulau Ubin, Chek Jawa; 5 December 2010; 1645 hrs at low tide.

Habitat: Intertidal zone, on soft sand substrate.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: A young example of about 30 cm disc width was found trapped in shallow water during low tide.

Remarks: The reticulate whipray is widely distributed throughout the tropical Indo-west Pacific, and grows to a large size of at least 1.6 m in disc width. It inhabits marine habitats with soft substrates and occurs commonly in intertidal areas (Last et al., 2010).