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## **Blackspot shark at eastern Johor Straits**

**Subject:** Blackspot shark, *Carcharhinus sealei* (Elasmobranchi: Carcharhinidae).

**Subject identified by:** Kelvin K. P. Lim.

**Location, date and time:** Eastern Johor Straits, off northern shore of Pulau Tekong; 6 July 2012; 0809 hrs.

**Habitat:** Estuarine, intertidal area of coral rubble.

**Observers:** Chim Chee Kong and others.

**Observation:** Two dead examples of about 60 cm total length were found entangled in a gill net. One of them is shown in the attached picture.

**Remarks:** This small shark, recognized by its black-tipped second dorsal fin, is quite harmless to humans. It is distributed in the Indo-west Pacific, inhabits coastal waters up to 40 m deep, and grows to a maximum size of 95 cm total length (Compagno et al., 2005: 305).

**Reference:** Compagno, L., M. Dando & S. Fowler, 2005. *A Field Guide to the Sharks of the World*. Harper Collins Publishers Ltd., London. 368 pp.



Photograph by Chim Chee Kong

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