

## Coral cat-shark at Chek Jawa

**Subject:** Coral cat-shark, *Atelomycterus marmoratus* (Chondrichthyes: Scyliorhinidae).

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

**Location, date and time:** Eastern Johor Straits at Chek Jawa, east end of Pulau Ubin; 14 June 2014; around 0430 hrs.

**Habitat:** Estuary, in intertidal area with coarse sand and seagrass in water less than 5 cm deep..

**Observer:** Toh Chay Hoon, Koh Kwan Siong & Ivan Kwan.

**Observation:** A young example of about 30 cm total length was observed on the substrate in shallow water at low tide.

**Remarks:** This record of the coral cat-shark from Chek Jawa is not the first from the Johor Straits. The species has previously been obtained nearby, from the northern coast of Pulau Tekong (Chim & Lim, 2014). These bottom-dwelling sharks grow to a maximum size of 70 cm total length, with males maturing at a minimum size of 47 cm and females at a minimum size of 49 cm (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 54).

### References:

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