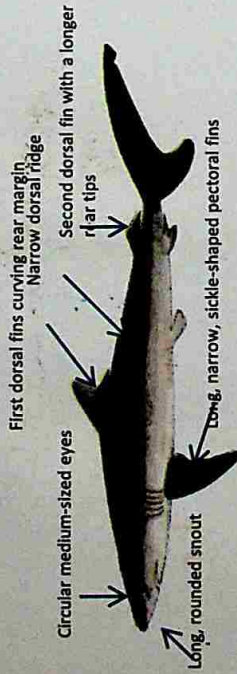


SPECIES IDENTIFICATION SHEET OF MAJOR SHARK SPECIES FOUND IN SRI LANKA

Silky shark

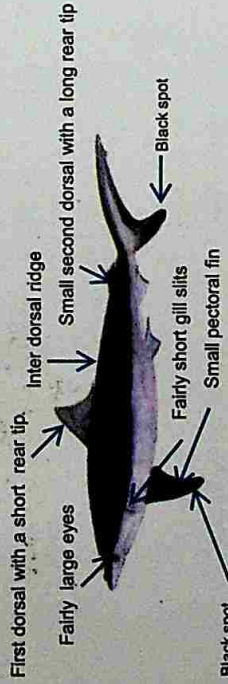
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 Sinhala name : කොඳු මොලා / ගැඹුරු මොලා
 Max. total length : 350cm



• Pectoral, ventral, anal and caudal fins with dusky tips

Spot-tail shark

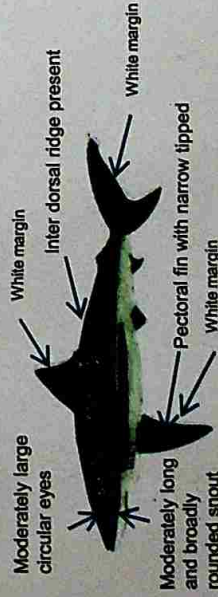
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 Sinhala name : කොඳු මොලා
 Max. total length : 160cm



• Spindle shape body
 • Moderately long rounded snout

Silvertip shark

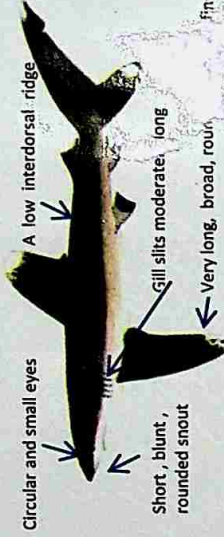
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 Sinhala name : කොඳු මොලා
 Max. total length : 300cm



• White tips and posterior margins on all fins.

Oceanic whitetip shark

Scientific name : *Carcharhinus longimanus*
 Sinhala name : කොඳු මොලා
 Max. total length : 350cm



• White tips and sometimes black markings on pectoral fin and first dorsal fin
 • Black blotches on tips

Blacktip reef shark

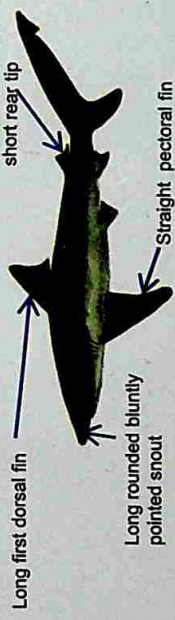
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 Max. total length : 200cm



• Brilliant black blotches on the first dorsal apex, lower caudal lobe and black tips on other fins

Bignose shark

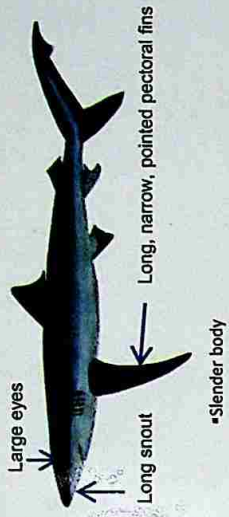
Scientific name : *Carcharhinus altimus*
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 Max. total length : 210cm



• Dusky fin tips (except pelvic fin)

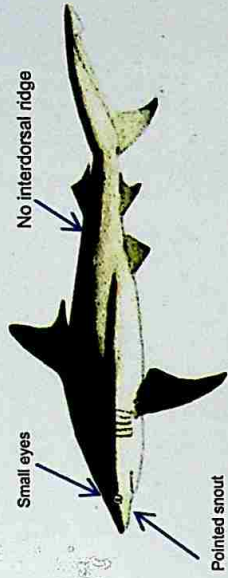
Blue shark

Scientific name : *Prionace glauca*
 Sinhala name : පිති මොලා / නිල් මොලා
 Max. total length : 383cm



Blacktip shark

Scientific name : *Carcharhinus limbatus*
 Sinhala name : කොඳු මොලා
 Max. total length : 250cm



Tiger shark

Scientific name : *Galeocerdo cuvier*
 Sinhala name : කොටු මොලා, මඩිලි කොටු මොලා
 Max. total length : 910cm



• Slender body