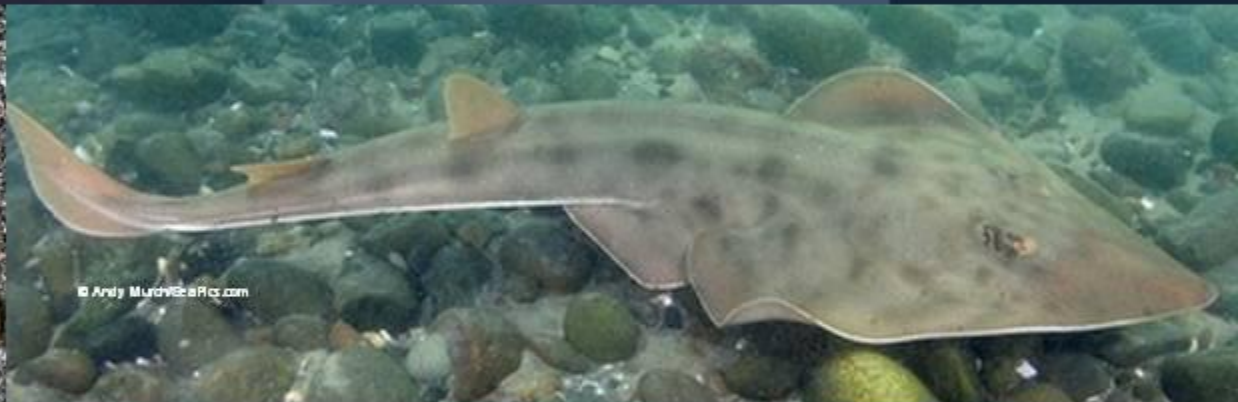


CONFUSING SPECIES

GUITARFISH/SANDSHARKS



Rhinobatos annulatus

Lesser sandshark; Lesser guitarfish

Front nasal flap extends past inner end of nostril.
Tan to dark brown with **dark brown spots (KZN)** or **brown & white rings** (rest of SA)
Snout has **translucent pale area** on either side.



Rhinobatos blochii

Bluntnose guitarfish;
Stompneus-sandkruiper; Bluntnose fiddlefissh



Broadly pointed snout, broad pectoral fins and disc.
Plain brown above. Young may have a few white spots.
West coast from north of Walvis Bay to Cape Point.



Rhynchobatus djiddensis

Giant sandshark; Giant guitarfish

Dark olive-green on top; dark eye-spot ringed with pale spots at base of pectoral fins; dark polygon mark between eyes.

