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Snaggletooth shark, *Hemipristis elongatus* landed at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai

The snaggletooth shark also known as fossil shark and devil shark (*Hemipristis elongatus*) is a very rare species found along Indian coast and caught mainly in gill netters.

A large snaggletooth shark was landed at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai on 20th January 2003, by gillnetter operated about 35 kms NW of Mumbai coast at a depth of 30 meters. Its measurements (in cm) are given below.

Total length	381
Girth at the origin of 1st dorsal fin	183
Girth at the origin of pelvic fin	147
Length of the 1st dorsal along outer margin	43
Length of the 2nd dorsal along outer margin	17
Length of the upper lobe of caudal fin along	

outer margin	91
Length of the lower lobe of the caudal fin along outer margin	28
Length of anal fin	23
Length of pelvic fin	20
Length of pectoral fin	53
Distance between eyes	58
Approximate weight	500 kgs.
Sex	Male

The specimen was auctioned for Rs. 19,000/- (Nineteen thousand only). The meat is used for human consumption and fins for export.

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