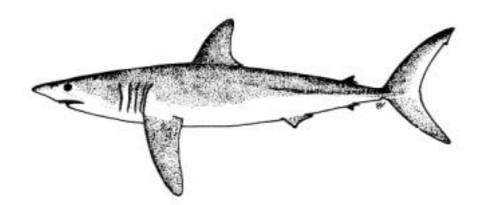
Isurus oxyrinchus Rafinesque, 1809



English Name:Shortfin makoFamily:LAMNIDAELocal Name:Woshimas miyaruOrder:LamniformesSize:Common to 2 m; max. 4 mSpecimen:MRS/P03 10/88

Distinctive Characters: Body moderately slender. Conical pointed snout. Caudal fin lunate. Caudal peduncle extremely broad and well developed. Pectoral fins distinctly shorter than head.

Colour: Dark blue-grey above, white below.

Habitat and Biology: Oceanic and coastal, usually in surface waters down to 152 m. Feeds on schooling fish, using its slender and sharply pointed teeth. Also attacks sharks and billfishes. Ovoviviparous without yolk-sac placenta, number of pups per litter 2 to 16.

Distribution: Temperate and tropical waters.

Remarks: *Isurus oxyrinchus* is an extremely fast and powerful shark, as its noticeably broad caudal peduncle suggests. It is apotentially dangerous shark. The longfin mako (*I. paucus* Guitar Manday, 1966) is very similar in appearance but has a blunter snout and pectoral fins longer than the head; it probably occurs in Maldivian waters but has not yet been recorded.