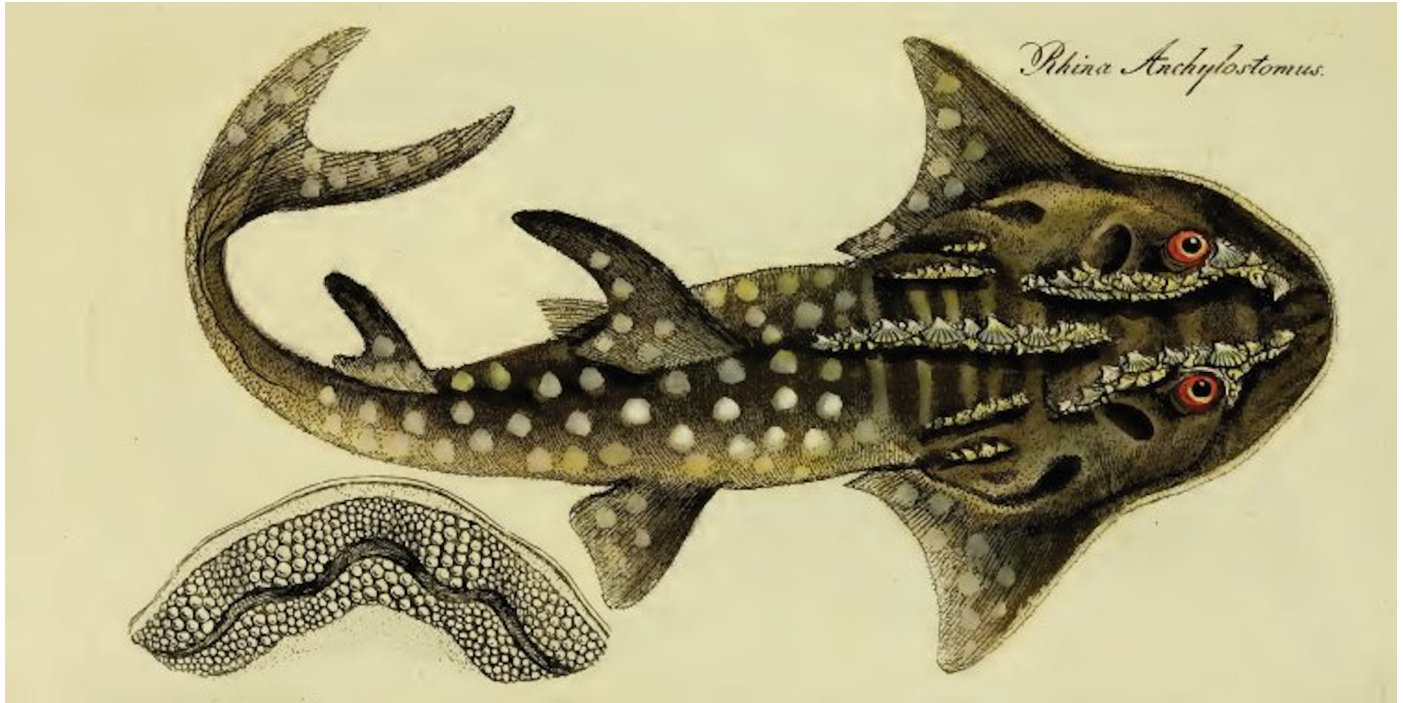


Order RHINOPRISTIFORMES

Wedgefishes or Bowmouth Guitarfishes

Family RHINIDAE

Müller & Henle 1841



*Rhina ancylostomus*. From: Bloch, M. E. and J. G. Schneider. 1801. M. E. Blochii, Systema Ichthyologiae Iconibus cx Illustratum. Post obitum auctoris opus inchoatum absolvit, correxit, interpolavit Jo. Gottlob Schneider, Saxo. Berolini. Sumptibus Auctoris Impressum et Bibliopolio Sanderiano Commissum. I–IX + 1–584, Pls. 1–110.

**Rhina**

Bloch & Schneider 1801

a name applied by Artedi and predecessors to angel sharks (Squatinae) reapplied to this family, etymology uncertain, perhaps from *rhis* (Gr. ῥίς), snout, or its genitive *rhinos* (ῥινόσ), referring to its wide, rounded snout, or based on *rhina*, an ancient name for a kind of shark, from *rhinos* (Gr. ῥινόσ), skin or hide of a beast, or *rhinē* (Gr. ῥίνη), rasp, both apparently alluding to a shark's rasp-like skin

**Rhina ancylostomus** Bloch & Schneider 1801 *ancylo-*, from *ankúlos* (Gr. ἀγκύλος), bent, curved or bowed; *stomus*, from *stóma* (Gr. στόμα), mouth, probably referring to bow-shaped mouth [sometimes spelled *ancylostoma*, treating the name as an adjective, i.e., bow-mouthed]

**Rhynchobatus**

Müller & Henle 1837

*rhýnchos* (Gr. ῥύγχος), snout, referring to pointed snout of *R. laevis*; *batus*, from *bátos* (Gr. βάτος) or *batis* (βατίς), a flat fish, usually applied to a skate or ray

**Rhynchobatus australiae** Whitley 1939 of Australia, proposed as an Australian subspecies of *R. djiddensis*

**Rhynchobatus cooki** Last, Kyne & Compagno 2016<sup>1</sup> in honor of the late Sidney F. Cook (1953–1997), shark fisheries biologist, a “pioneer in

<sup>1</sup> The name for this species is incorrectly given as *R. compagno* Last & Kyne 2016 in the book *Rays of the World* (CSIRO Publishing, Comstock Publishing Associates, 2016). According to Peter R. Last (pers. comm.), “*R. compagno*” was a manuscript name in honor of Leonard J. V. Compagno, a legendary figure in chondrichthyan taxonomy. But Compagno insisted that the species be named for the late Sidney F. Cook. Compagno’s suggestion made it into the formal description that was published in *Zootaxa* but was overlooked during the publisher’s rush to bring the book to press. (Compagno was added as a co-author of the name.) Note that the correct name (*cooki*) is listed in a table (p. 757) while the incorrect name is listed in the index. “*Rhynchobatus compagno* Last & Kyne 2016” is considered an unavailable name for nomenclatural purposes.

shark conservation” who participated in surveys of chondrichthyan fishes in South-East Asia at the time type specimens were collected

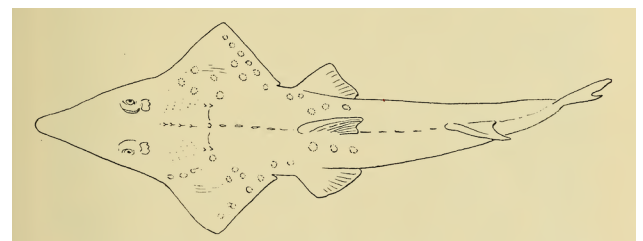
**Rhynchobatus djiddensis** (Forsskål 1775) *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting place: described in part from the Red Sea of Djidda (now Jeddah), Saudi Arabia

**Rhynchobatus immaculatus** Last, Ho & Chen 2013 *im-*, Latin privative, i.e., not; *maculatus* (L.), spotted, referring to the absence of a dark pectoral marking otherwise present in small individuals of congeners

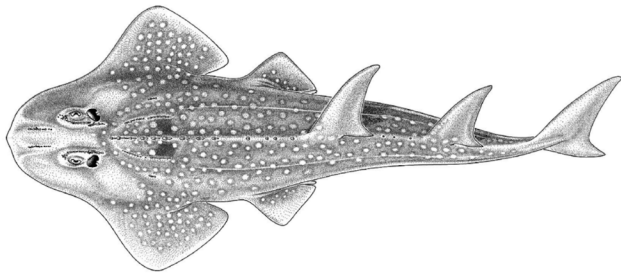
**Rhynchobatus laevis** (Bloch & Schneider 1801) from *laevis* (L.), smooth, presumably referring to smooth body and small, cobblestone-like scales

**Rhynchobatus luebberti** Ehrenbaum 1914<sup>2</sup> in honor of friend and colleague Hans Julius Lübbert (1870–1951), German fisheries inspector and director

<sup>2</sup> In August 2023, we discovered that the 1915 monograph in which Ehrenbaum’s description of *Rhynchobatus luebberti* appeared had been serialized the year before in a German fisheries periodical, *Der Fischerbote*. So the publication date of *Rhynchobatus luebberti*, long recorded as 1915, is actually 1914.



*Rhynchobatus australiae*, holotype. From: Whitley, G. P. 1939. Taxonomic notes on sharks and rays. Australian Zoologist 9 (3): 227–262, Pls. 20–22.



*Rhynchorhina mauritaniensis*. Illustration by Jean-François Dejouannet. From: Séret, B. and G. J. P. Naylor. 2016. *Rhynchorhina mauritaniensis*, a new genus and species of wedgefish from the eastern central Atlantic (Elasmobranchii: Batoidea: Rhinidae). *Zootaxa* 4138 (2): 291–308.

***Rhynchobatus mononoke* Koeda, Itou, Yamada & Motomura 2020**

Japanese for specter, referring to ventral surface appearing like a traditional Japanese specter, wearing a triangular white hat (crown) on its forehead

***Rhynchobatus palpebratus* Compagno & Last 2008 -atus (L.)**, provided with: *palpebra* (L.), eyelid, referring to dark, eyebrow-like marking on suborbital membrane

***Rhynchobatus springeri* Compagno & Last 2010** in honor of the late American ichthyologist Stewart Springer (1906–1991), for his contribution to the systematics of *Rhynchobatus*

***Rhynchorhina***

**Séret & Naylor 2016**

a composite name derived from *Rhynchobatus* and *Rhina* indicating how it exhibits features of both genera, i.e., a *Rhynchobatus*-like body with a rounded snout resembling *Rhina*

***Rhynchorhina mauritaniensis* Séret & Naylor 2016 -ensis**, Latin suffix denoting place: Islamic Republic of Mauritania, where it is endemic