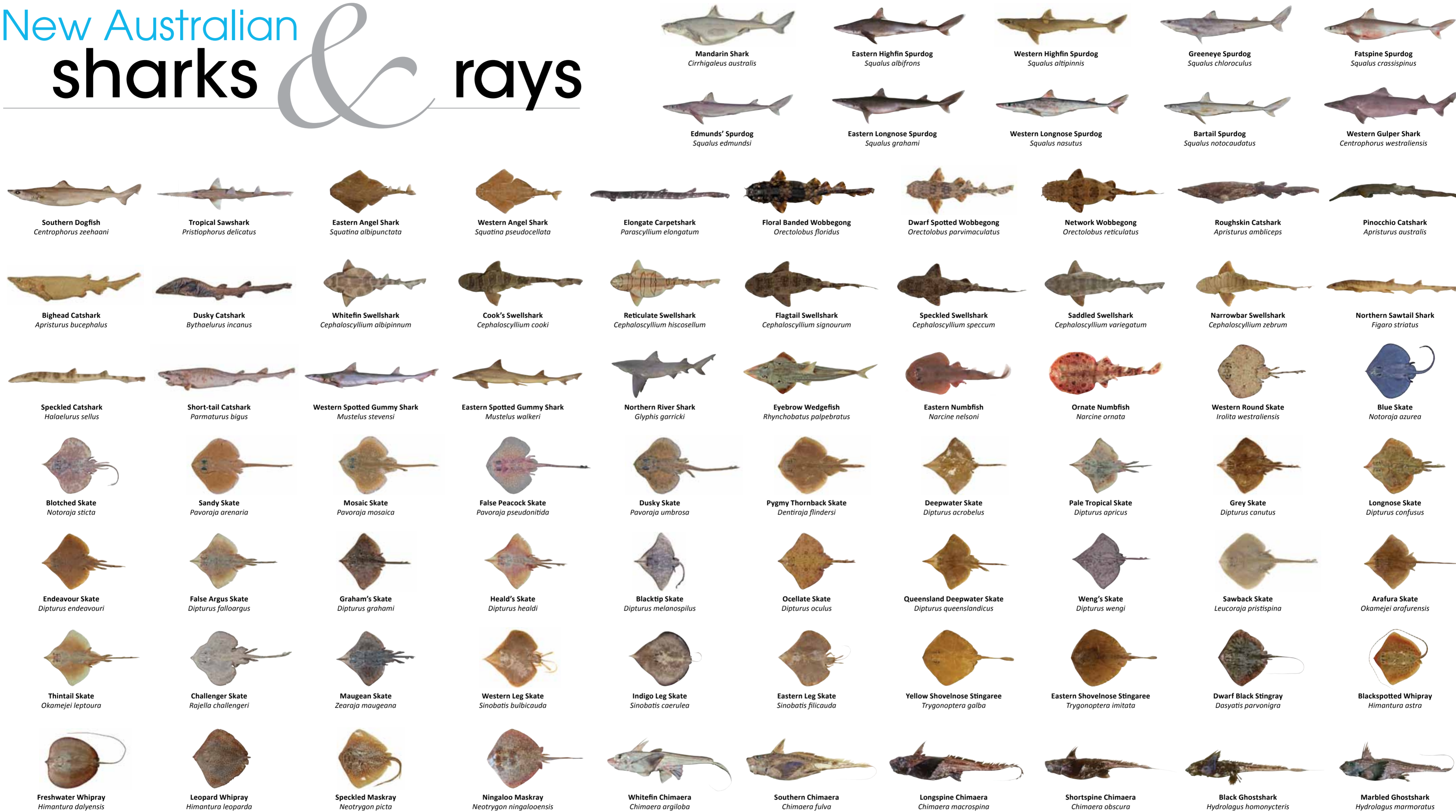


New Australian sharks & rays












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Since 2007, the CSIRO's Biogeography and Taxonomy team has described 80 new species of sharks, rays and chimaeras from Australian waters, in collaboration with numerous international experts. This represents more than a quarter of Australia's, and about 7% of the world's, shark and ray fauna. Full species accounts are available in the recently published *Sharks and Rays of Australia, Second Edition* by Peter Last and John Stevens. The collage of the 80 new species above highlights the very high diversity of sharks, rays and chimaeras found within the Australian region. The Biogeography and Taxonomy team at CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research in Hobart consists of: Peter Last, Daniel Gledhill, William White, John Pogonoski, Alastair Graham and Louise Conboy.