



Scottish Anglers Shark I.D.

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Spurdog (Spiny Dogfish)

Distribution: West & Northern Coast of Scotland.
Length: 120cm Max. Landing limit 100cm.
ID: Sharp Spines on both Dorsal fins, Green Eye.
Tackle: 6-12lb class

Bait: Mackerel & Whiting



Lesser Spotted Dogfish

Distribution: All Coasts of Scotland.
Length: 80cm.
ID: rough skin with small dark spots. No nasal barbells.
Tackle: 6-12lb class.

Bait: Mackerel Crab & Worm



Thornback Ray

Distribution: South West & West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 120cm.
ID: The upper surface and tail are covered with numerous thorns. The colour varies from light brown to grey, variegated dark and light spots on the upper surface.
Tackle: 12lb class.

Bait: Mackerel & Squid



Tope

Distribution: South West coast of Scotland.
Length: 200cm.
ID: Slender shark with a long snout. Its large mouth contains sharp triangular teeth. Dusky grey on top and blends to white underneath.
Tackle: 12-20lb class.

Bait: Mackerel & Whiting



Bullhuss (Greater Spotted Dogfish)

Distribution: South West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 182cm.
ID: Pale upper body covered with a series of large black spots. Nasal flaps are separate and don't reach the mouth.
Tackle: 6-12lb class.

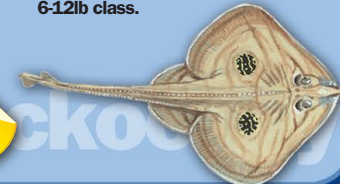
Bait: Mackerel Whiting & Crab



Cuckoo Ray

Distribution: South West & West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 71cm.
ID: Yellowish to drab brown with distinctive black and cream eye spots on each wing.
Tackle: 6-12lb class.

Bait: Mackerel & Squid



Starry Smoothound

Distribution: South West coast of Scotland.
Length: 140cm.
ID: two high dorsal fins, ray like crushing teeth. May have white spots on grey-brown upper body
Tackle: 6-12lb class.

Bait: Crab



Blackmouth Dogfish

Distribution: Deep water of West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 90cm.
ID: The inside of the mouth is black, upper body is grey to dark brown with blotches and circular spots.
Tackle: 12-20lb class.

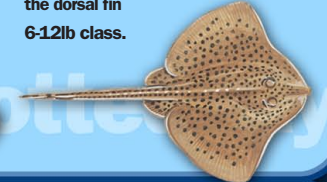
Bait: Mackerel & Crab



Spotted Ray

Distribution: South West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 75cm.
ID: Brown with numerous brown spots that do not extend to tip of wing. A central row of thorns run from behind the eye to the dorsal fin
Tackle: 6-12lb class.

Bait: Mackerel & Ragworm Cocktail



Porbeagle

Distribution: All coasts of Scotland.
Length: 370cm max. Landing limit 201cm
ID: stout with large black eyes. White patch at rear of dorsal fin
Tackle: 80lb class.

Bait: Mackerel & all Bony Fish



Common Skate

Distribution: Deep water of West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 285cm.
ID: Elongated snout and a row of 12 - 20 thorns along the tail.
Tackle: 50lb class.

Bait: Mackerel Coalie & Squid



Blonde Ray

Distribution: South West & West Coast of Scotland.
Length: 125cm.
ID: Light brown with numerous brown spots that extend to tip of wing. A central row of thorns runs along the tail.
Tackle: 6-12lb class.

Bait: Mackerel & Squid

