

PRESS RELEASE

NEW SHARKS AT THE DEEP August 2nd 2010

The Deep aquarium in Hull has just introduced 4 new sharks to its collection. The Epaulette sharks are on display in the Lagoon of Light.

Katy Duke, The Deep's curator explains,

"These stunning sharks have slender, elongated bodies with short heads and broad, paddle-shaped fins. What makes them particularly distinctive is their colouration, with their banded stripes fading to spots as they mature. Their markings are thought to provide protective camouflage whilst 2 epaulettes on their backs are thought to be false 'eyespot' – a marking mimicking a large eye, to deter predators."

Epaulette Sharks (*Hemiscyllium ocellatum*) are a species of long-tailed carpet shark, they are found in the Western Pacific in shallow tropical waters around Australia and New Guinea. Mostly nocturnal, Epaulette sharks prefer shallow waters and can be commonly found in tidal pools and on coral flats feeding on benthic crustaceans and bony fish.

Press Opportunity- Tuesday 3rd August at 11.45 am at The Deep

Press are invited to see our new Epaulette Sharks in their new home. Please contact Linda Martin to make arrangements, 01482 381090 or 07751288434.

For further information

Press- Please contact Linda Martin at The Deep, 07751288434

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