

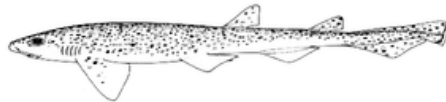
Small-spotted catshark

(*Scyliorhinus canicula*)

Also known as lesser-spotted dogfish, rough hound, rock salmon and sandy dog

Identifying features

Body	Blunt head. Tooth plates. Nasal furrows reach mouth. Slender body, up to 85cm length.
Colour	Upper side is greyish brown with small dark spots. Underside is light greyish.
Similar species	Nursehound (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>) which is also known as large-spotted dogfish, greater-spotted dogfish and bull huss.
Differences	Nursehound is larger - up to 1.6m length. It has large variably sized spots with some on the under side and nasal furrows <u>do not</u> reach mouth.
Quota or non-quota	Non-quota.



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Starry smooth-hound

(*Mustelus asterias*)

Also known as Stellate smooth-hound and Aristotle's shark

Identifying features

Body	Tooth plates. Slender body, up to 130cm length.
Colour	Upper side is grey with white spots, but can also be plain grey with no spots. Underside is white.
Similar species	Common smooth-hound (<i>Mustelus mustelus</i>) and Black-spotted smooth-hound (<i>Mustelus punctulatus</i>).
Differences	Similar species are not native to UK waters and do not have white spots.
Quota or non-quota	Non-quota.



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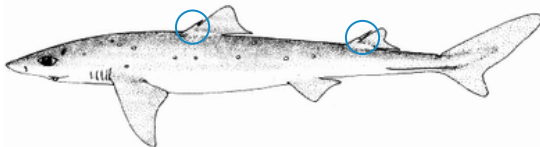
Spurdog

(*Squalus acanthias*)

Also known as spiny, piked, spring or white-spotted dogfish and rock salmon

Identifying features

Body	Slender body up to 125cm in length. Distinctive spines on both dorsal fins distinguishes it from similar species (circled bottom photo). Razor sharp teeth.	
Colour	Upper side is grey to brown with white spots (although these can be absent). Underside is paler.	
Quota or non-quota	Quota.	
Landing obligation	Yes.	



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