

# CONFUSING SPECIES

## GUITARFISH/SANDSHARKS



# *Rhinobatos annulatus*

Lesser sandshark; Lesser guitarfish

Front nasal flap extends past inner end of nostril.  
Tan to dark brown with **dark brown spots (KZN)** or **brown & white rings** (rest of SA)  
Snout has **translucent pale area** on either side.





# *Rhinobatos blochii*

Bluntnose guitarfish;  
Stompneus-sandkruiper; Bluntnose fiddlefissh



Broadly pointed snout, broad pectoral fins and disc.  
**Plain brown** above. Young may have a few white spots.  
**West coast** from north of Walvis Bay to Cape Point.



# *Rhynchobatus djiddensis*

Giant sandshark; Giant guitarfish



Dark olive-green on top; dark eye-spot ringed with pale spots at base of pectoral fins; dark polygon mark between eyes.

