EGGCASES UNDERWATER The Great Eggcase Hunt

Eggcases Underwater needs your help!

Underwater eggcase records help improve The Shark Trust's knowledge on the distribution of egglaying elasmobranchs, their nursery grounds, as well as the types of substrate that different species lay on. Keep your eyes peeled underwater as eggcases are not always easy to identify; often they are well camouflaged with seaweed, sand, or other underwater substrates.



Photo (top) Smallspotted Catshark Scyliorhinus canicula © Ian Johnston

> Photo (above) Nursehound Scyliorhinus stellaris © Russell Taylor

> > Photo (right) Small-eyed Ray Raja microocellata © Michelle Robinson



Important: Please remember not to disturb underwater eggcases, as they contain a live shark, skate or ray which may have been incubating for up to 12 months.





Photo (left) Flapper Skate Dipturus intermedius © Peter Bardslev

Please take note of the approximate location of the sighting and if possible, a photograph. Record details of your eggcase, via the online recording form at www.sharktrust.org/recordyoureggcase or by downloading the smartphone app (links below).

If you are a diver, snorkeller, or anyone else that enjoys spending time in the water, keep an eye out for eggcases underwater!





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