

Morphological deformities in Bengal whipray, *Brevitrygon imbricata* (Bloch and Schneider, 1801) and Arabian carpetshark, *Chiloscyllium arabicum* (Gubanov, 1980) from Ratnagiri, west coast of India

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This study documents the morphological deformities in *Brevitrygon imbricata* (Bengal whipray) and *Chiloscyllium arabicum* (Arabian carpetshark) from the Indian coast. Notable deformities include a rostral irregularity in *B. imbricata*, resulting in a horn-like expansion, and a bifurcated second dorsal fin in *C. arabicum*. These findings highlight the need for further research into the causes of such deformities, which could be linked to various environmental stressors. The study emphasises the importance of monitoring these deformities for conservation and fisheries management.

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