**Eastern Angel Shark**

**Distribution**
- We know nothing about its reproduction. A similar species, the Pacific angel shark, gives birth to <20 after a pregnancy of 10 months.
- It buries itself in the sand to become ‘invisible’, waiting to ambush fish, crabs and other small prey that swim past.

**EASTERN ANGEL SHARK FACTS**
- These little sharks are found nowhere else in the world except in eastern Australia in the deep waters (35-415m) of the continental shelf.
- The population has crashed by 99% in the last 60 years around south eastern Australia, where trawling is a major threat.
- You might have mistakenly eaten one! Their meat is often mislabeled as ‘boneless fillet’ or ‘monkfish’.
- Max size of 130cm
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**THREATS & SOLUTIONS**

**Trawl Fishing:** It lives mostly on and near the seafloor where it can be ‘scooped’ up. Eastern angel sharks killed by trawling are kept to sell their meat.

**SOLUTION:** Close off critical habitats to trawling to prevent their extinction.

**No Legal Protection:** There are no protections in place to stop it being fished or to help its population recover.

**SOLUTION:** Make it illegal to keep the shark and ensure trawl fisheries reduce the amount accidentally caught.

**References:**
- IUCN Red List: Eastern Angel Shark www.iucnredlist.org/species/161360/68644464

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**Vulnerable**

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Squatina albipunctata

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