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## Odd sharks unmasked by DNA

THE discovery of a species of shark never seen before in Australian waters could rewrite science, researchers say.

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Shark biologist
Ryan Kempster, of the
University of Western
Australia's Oceans Institute, said two
sharks were identified
as mandarin dogfish
after a two-year investigation including
DNA sequencing.

The rare sharks, a male just under a metre long and a pregnant female about 1.2 metres long, were caught off Rottnest Island.