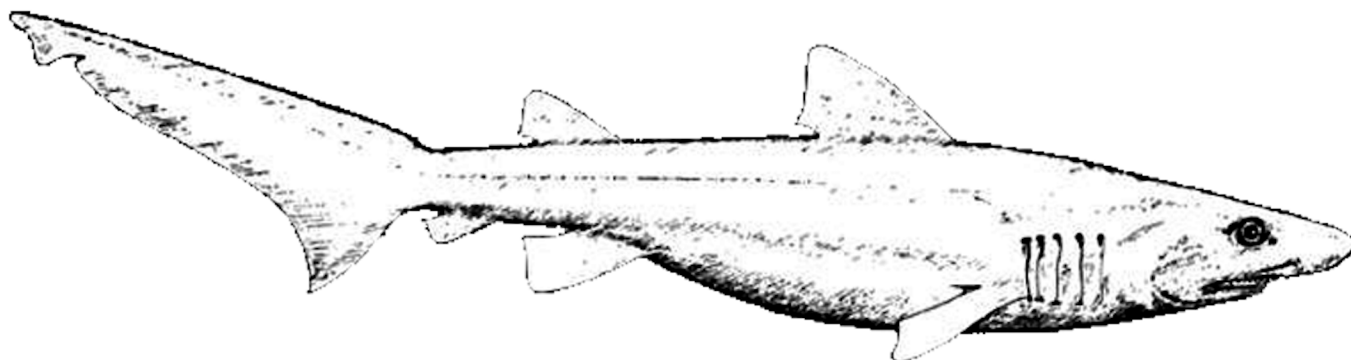


Order LAMNIFORMES

Ragged-Tooth Sharks

Family ODONTASPIDIDAE

Müller & Henle 1839



Odontaspis noronhai. From: Maul, G. E. 1955. Five species of rare sharks new for Madeira including two new to science. Notulae Naturae (Philadelphia) No. 279: 1–13.

Odontaspis

Agassiz 1838

etymology not explained, presumably *odontas*, Latinized and grammatically adjusted from the Greek nominative ὀδούς (*odoús*), and *aspis* (Gr. ἄσπις), shield, perhaps referring to how teeth comprise a prominent narrow cusp provided with two or more small “side teeth” (translation), i.e., cusplets, which, with some imagination, could be said to “shield” the main cusp; another explanation is that *aspis* means asp, perhaps referring to outwardly pointing teeth of *O. ferox*, like those of an asp or viper

***Odontaspis ferox* (Risso 1810)** Latin for fierce, possibly referring to what Risso described as its “La voracité extrême” and/or its toothy and ferocious countenance

***Odontaspis noronhai* (Maul 1955)** in honor of Adolfo César de Noronha (1873–1963), late director of the Funchal Museum (Madeira), where holotype is housed