Order MYLIOBATIFORMES

Deepwater Stingray or Giant Stingaree

Family PLESIOBATIDAE
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plēsios (Gr. πλῆσιος), near, root word of plesiomorph, i.e., a primitive character state, referring to this genus being the most primitive (i.e., least derived) myliobatiform ray; batís (Gr. βατίς), a flat fish, usually applied to a skate or ray

Plesiobatis daviesi (Wallace 1967) in honor of David H. Davies (1922–1965), late director of the Oceanographic Research Institute (Durban, South Africa), “who was responsible for the initiation of research on the batoid fishes of the east coast of Southern Africa”