**Order PRISTIOPHORIFORMES**

Saw Sharks

**Family PRISTIOPHORIDAE**

Bleeker 1859

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Pliotrema Regan 1906

- pleion (Gr.), more
- trema (Gr.), hole, referring to six gill slits compared with five in Pristiophorus

Pliotrema annae Weigmann, Gon, Leeney & Temple 2020 — in honor of Anna Weigmann Huerta, the senior author’s niece, “to express its relationship” to Pliotrema kajae, named after the senior author’s daughter

Pliotrema kajae Weigmann, Gon, Leeney & Temple 2020 — in honor of Kaja Magdalena Weigmann, the senior author’s daughter, “who had her first contact with chondrichthyan taxonomy when observing with great interest the examination of Pliotrema specimens for the present study”; “Kaja” is also Frisian (Germanic ethnic group from coastal Netherlands and northwest Germany) for “warrior,” referring to the shark’s saw-like rostrum

Pliotrema warreni Regan 1906 — in honor of English-born South African zoologist Ernest Warren (1871–1945), Director, Natal Government Museum (Pietermaritzburg), who sent specimens to the British Museum

Pristiophorus Müller & Henle 1837

- pristio-, presumably derived from prio (Gr.), to saw, but treated here as a noun (a saw); phorus, from phoreus (Gr.), bearer or carrier, referring to saw-like snout (note also that pristis is Greek for sawfish)

Pristiophorus cirratus (Latham 1794) — Latin for curly or fringed, referring to long, string-like ventral barbels

Pristiophorus delicatus Yearsley, Last & White 2008 — Latin for dainty or delicate, referring to fine, delicate rostral teeth on elongated rostrum

Pristiophorus japonicus Günther 1870 — icus (L.), belonging to: Japan, where type locality (not specified) is situated

Pristiophorus lanae Ebert & Wilms 2013 — in honor of “shark enthusiast” Lana Ebert (the senior author’s niece) on the occasion of her graduation from the University of San Francisco (her brother is similarly honored; see Rhinobatos austini, Rhinobatidae)

Pristiophorus nancyae Ebert & Cailliet 2011 — in honor of philanthropist Nancy Packard Burnett (b. 1943), co-founder of the Monterey Bay Aquarium (Monterey, California, USA), for her “gracious support” of chondrichthyan research at the Pacific Shark Research Center at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (also in California)

Pristiophorus nudipinnis Günther 1870 — nudus (L.), bare or naked; pinnis (L.), fins, referring to most of dorsal fins and upper sides of pectoral fins being scaleless

Pristiophorus Schroederi Springer & Bullis 1960 — patronym not identified but almost certainly in honor of American ichthyologist William C. Schroeder (1895–1977), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (Falmouth, Massachusetts, USA), a world expert on chondrichthyan fishes

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