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SHARK FACTS

Leopard whiprays are distinguished by their unique

LEOPARD-LIKE MARKINGS on

the dorsal surface

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(*Himantura leoparda*)

- ▶ The leopard whipray is histotrophic viviparous, i.e., females secrete a uterine milk (histotroph) to nourish their babies
- ▶ The leopard whipray is commercially valuable throughout Southeast Asia where it is taken as utilized bycatch in a range of commercial and artisanal fisheries

HOW BIG?

The size at birth is about 20 cm disk width and they can reach about 140 cm disk width

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WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

The leopard whipray is possibly widely distributed in the Indo-West Pacific, found on soft substrates, mainly inshore and coastal

