



Odd sharks unmasked by DNA

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

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.