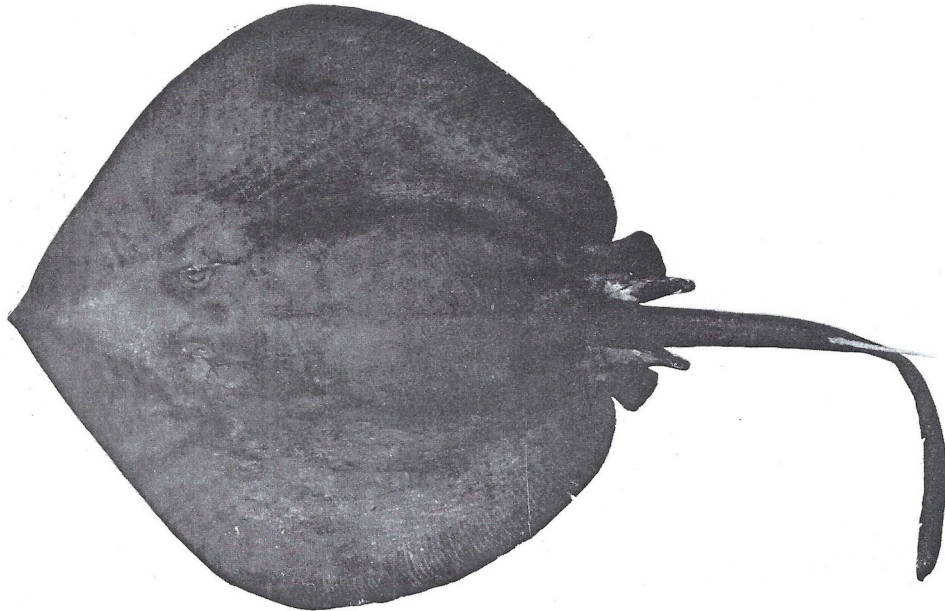


Order MYLIOBATIFORMES

Deepwater Stingray or Giant Stingaree

Family **PLESIOBATIDAE**

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Plesiobatis daviesi, holotype, mature male, disc width 922 mm. From: Wallace, J. H. 1967. The batoid fishes of the east coast of southern Africa. Part 2: manta, eagle, duckbill, cownose, butterfly and sting rays. Investigational Report. Oceanographic Research Institute, Durban No. 16: 1–56.

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plésios (πλήσιος), 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* (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”