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Species of the Day: Javanese Cownose Ray

The **Javanese Cownose Ray**, *Rhinoptera javanica*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This species occurs widely throughout the Indo-West Pacific, from South Africa to Japan.

Little is known about the true impact of fisheries on the Javanese Cownose Ray. However, it is likely to be under threat due to its small litter size, its tendency to form large schools, its inshore habitat and hence susceptibility to a wide variety of inshore fishing gear, and the generally intense and unregulated nature of inshore fisheries across most of the species' range.

In order to improve the conservation status of the Javanese Cownose Ray, attempts need to be made to monitor and regulate fisheries throughout its range. In addition, further research into this species life history, including its growth, longevity, movement patterns, habitat use, reproduction, potential nursery areas, and diet, are all necessary to develop effective conservation actions.

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