Megamouth Shark (Megachasma pelagios) from northern Sumatra, reported on 13th. March 2004.

A juvenile male Megachasma pelagios was discovered stranded on Gapang Beach on Sabang off the northern tip of Sumatra in Indonesia on 13 March 2004.

The specimen was 1767mm in total length and weighed 13.82 kg. It was recognised as unusual by Ton Egbers of the Lumba Lumba Dive Centre and was subsequently stored frozen and eventually donated by Ton Egbers to the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) in Jakarta. It is now displayed at the Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense (MZB) in Cibinong, Bogor.

This specimen represents the 23rd. record of this rare species and is the smallest megamouth reported to date.

























