Dionaea 'EEC Thresher Shark'

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Dionaea 'EEC Thresher Shark' (Fig. 2) is the product of a collaboration between Evan Wang and Emmy Wang. Hand pollination was performed in Palo Alto, California in July 2018 by Evan and Emmy Wang with isolation of flowers after pollination. The seed was the product of the following cross: *D.* 'WIP Slim Snapper' × *D.* 'Red Piranha'. Numerous seeds from this cross were grown by both Evan and Emmy Wang. Of the over 45 seeds, only one developed the unique phenotype of *D.* 'EEC Thresher Shark'. *Dionaea* 'EEC Thresher Shark' is characterized by complex serrated cilia with primary dentate points separated by serrated secondary points. The cilia are similar to *D.* 'FFT Stegosaurus', but the primary points are broader. The traps have a unique coloring. On the exterior of the trap, there is a prominent red line similar to *D.* 'Dracula'; however, as the trap matures, the external trap will fill in with maroon from the red line to the midrib. The interior of the trap is deep red with a lime green edge. Trigger hairs are standard three per trap side. Traps are fully functional and large, measuring up to 4 cm in length. Petioles are very long, measuring up to 13 cm with an upright growth pattern.

The name 'Thresher Shark' is a dual reference to the cilia which resemble serrated shark teeth and the extremely long petiole resembles the extended long tail of the thresher shark. 'EEC' is an acronym for Ev & Em Carnivorium where hand pollination, seed germination, and growing of this cultivar were performed.

Dionaea 'EEC Thresher Shark' can only be propagated vegetatively by rhizome or leaf/floral cuttings to preserve the unique characteristics of the cultivar.

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Figure 2: *Dionaea* 'EEC Thresher Shark'.