

Landing of a sicklefin chimaera, *Neoharriotta pinnata* (Schnakenbeck, 1931), at Beypore

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A single specimen of chimaera belonging to the genus *Neoharriotta* was caught by a trawler operating at a depth of 100 m off Ponnani. The specimen was landed at Beypore on 26.9.13. The specimen measured 96 cm and weighed 6.5 kg. The fish was identified as *Neoharriotta pinnata* (Fig.1). Morphological characters of the species is reported in Table 1.



Fig. 1. Sicklefin chimaera, *Neoharriotta pinnata*

Table.1 Morphometric characters of *Neoharriotta pinnata* landed at Beypore

Morphometrics	(mm)
Total length	960
Standard length	714
First dorsal fin pre-length	296
Length to first dorsal fin base	383
First dorsal fin base length	91

Length to second dorsal fin base	710
Second dorsal fin base length	246
Inter dorsal fin length	81
Head length	288
Snout length	152
Eye diameter	36
Pectoral fin base length	42
Pectoral fin length	158
Pre pectoral fin length	306
Pre anal fin length	700
Anal fin base length	32
Anal fin length	78
Caudal fin length	131
Caudal fin filament length	88
Pre orbit length	176
Post orbit length	81
Pelvic fin length	91
Pelvic fin base length	28
Total weight	6.5 kg

There is very limited information on biology of this species. The liver is very large, approximately 60% of its total body weight with a high oil content.