

Record size *Psettodes erumei* and *Upeneus vittatus* reported from Mandapam



Record sized Right-eyed Indian halibut *Psettodes erumei* (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) and Yellow-striped goatfish, *Upeneus vittatus* (Forsk., 1775) were recorded in the fish landings at Mandapam. The Indian halibut measuring 60 cm in Total length (TL) and weighing 3.25 kg was found in the Pamban Therkuvadi Fish Landing Centre on 24th November 2017. A fish

trawler operated at a distance of 18 km from the land at a depth of 23 m brought it along with other demersal finfishes. *U. vittatus* measuring 29 cm TL and weighing 360 g was landed on 15th December 2017 by a commercial fish trawler of 14.2 m OAL operated at depth of 15 m at a distance of 15 km off Pamban. Even though the Gulf of Mannar is said to be rich in

goatfish abundance and diversity, the occurrence of *U. vittatus* in the commercial fish trawl landings is rare. The morphometric measurements and meristic counts of both fishes were recorded.

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