

Record size of *Panulirus penicillatus* landed in Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour

The spiny lobster *Panulirus penicillatus* that lives on shallow rocky and coral reefs in the tropical Indo-Pacific region. A record size male specimen, *P. penicillatus* was collected from the lobster gillnet fishery at 50-60 m depth. It measured total length (TL): 344mm and weighed 2.04 kg. Measurements recorded were carapace length (CL): 150 mm; carapace width (CW): 110 mm; abdominal length (AL): 130mm;

telson: 55mm; abdominal length + Telson: 185mm. Body was entirely brown black in colour. The specimen may be the maximum recorded size of the species on the south west coast of India.

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