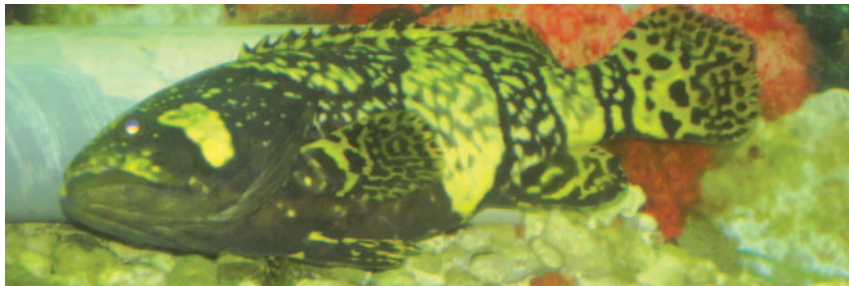


# A red listed (IUCN) Juvenile of Giant grouper caught at Korapuzha



Lateral view of Giant grouper *Epinephelus lanceolatus* maintained in the Marine Research Aquarium

A juvenile Giant grouper *Epinephelus lanceolatus* (Bloch, 1790) was caught by the gillnet at Korapuzha estuary, Elathur near Calicut in June 2010. *Epinephelus lanceolatus* is included in the IUCN red list of threatened species under the vulnerable (VU) category. The total length of the specimen caught is 236mm. This is maintained in the

marine research aquarium of the Calicut centre .

*E. lanceolatus* is the largest reef-dwelling fish in the world. Being such a large predator, it is rare even in areas unexploited by fishing.

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