

Heavy landings of *Loligo singhalensis* by trawlers at Pamban



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Heavy landings of *Loligo singhalensis*, Ortmann, 1891 was observed at Pamban, along the Gulf of Mannar Coast, Tamil Nadu during the first fortnight of November, 2010 as bycatch from trawlnet fisheries mainly targeting medium to large pelagics off Pamban. The landings of this squid were ranging from ½ - 1 tonne per boat. The length and weight range were 102 – 216 mm

and 27 – 94.4 g respectively. The sex ratio (M:F) was found to be 1 : 0.66. The gonads of both sexes were observed to be in fully ripe condition. The size of males was relatively larger than females. The catch was sold at the rate of Rs. 50 /kg i.e. cheaper than the price of cuttlefishes (120/Kg).

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