

Cage farming of cobia at Mandapam



Sample of cobia from grow out cage

Cage farming of cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*) was experimented for the first time in India at Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI from the hatchery produced fingerlings. The fingerlings were stocked after nursery rearing in grow out cages in May 2010. The length range of fingerlings stocked was from 22- 26cm and weight range

from 35-70 gms. The fish were fed with trash fish *ad libitum* once in a day. In the end of January 2011 (after 8 months of stocking in grow out cages) the length range of the fish was 60-70 cm and weight range 2.8 to 3.5 kg. Grow out is being continued. The results show that cobia is a lucrative species for cage farming in India.