

## Occurrence of *Rock shrimp* from Indian waters

Six specimens of the Rock shrimp *Sicyonia parajaponica* Crosnier, 2003 was landed at Sakthikulangara fishing harbour, Kollam. This is the first record from Indian EEZ. This species is very close to *Sicyonia japonica* Balss, 1914 and its main morphological characters are: the dorsal carina of the carapace high and cut in six or seven

teeth, the hepatic spine well developed and infraorbital lobe rounded or slightly biangular. The tooth of the second dorsal abdominal segment well developed and strong. This species has been previously reported from Taiwan Sea, South China, Philippines, the northwest coast Australia, Andaman Sea in Thailand and Gulf of Aden and are reported at 10 to 200 m depths.



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