

## **Sput in threadfin bream landings following the monsoon trawl ban at Cochin and Neendakara**



Decks of fishing boats loaded with threadfin bream catch



Threadfin bream catch at  
Neendakara Fisheries Harbour

**S**put in the landings of threadfin breams was recorded during the month of August, 2011 immediately following the monsoon trawl ban, at Cochin, Munambam as well as Neendakara fisheries harbours. Threadfin breams formed >90% in the trawl landings on most of the days during the first half of the month comprising mainly *Nemipterus mesoprion*, in spite of the

heavy exploitation of juveniles of the species in the preceding years. According to the fishermen, the landings at Cochin and Munambam harbours were caught mainly from the fishing grounds off Ponnani-Chettuva and at Neendakara from Anchuthengu area where they could locate rich grounds for threadfin breams at depths ranging 100-125 m. The catches were sent mainly to

Mangalore/Ullal for surumi production and also to local markets in Kerala as well as Tamil Nadu for consumption. The sput in landings led to lowering of the price which came down to around ₹15 to 25 per kg at the harbour. However, the landings of threadfin breams started showing a decline from 20 August onwards.

*(Demersal Fisheries Division)*