

Shark landing at Mangalore Fisheries Harbour

Mechanized steel craft operating hook & line landed 1,000 kg of *Carcharhinus limbatus* on 3rd September 2012 at Mangalore Fisheries Harbour. Thirty numbers of sharks weighing 50 to 110 kg were caught off 50 km from the coastline. These crafts, though registered in Karnataka, operate for 21- 30 nights along the west coast of India, and generally land in the northern States of Gujarat and Maharashtra for better market price. Besides sharks, the catch comprised of skates (600 kg), swordfish (400 kg) and other groups like Seerfish, Barracuda *M.cordyla* in small quantities, realizing total revenue of ₹ 5.5 lakhs. The inclement weather condition in Arabian Sea during the period resulted in the landing of these resources at Mangalore Fisheries Harbour by reducing the cruise period to 10 nights.



Bumper landing of sharks at Mangalore Fisheries Harbour