

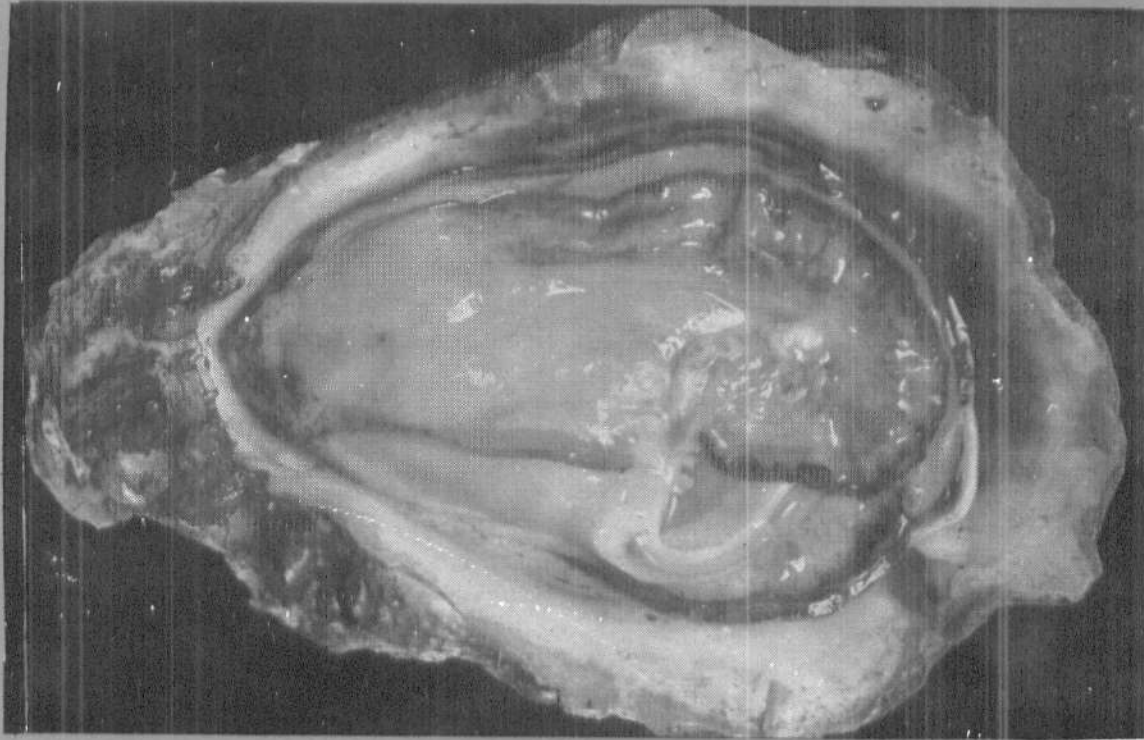


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852 On the landing of a Hammerhead shark *Sphyrna zygaena* (Linnaeus) at Therkuvadi (Gulf of Mannar)

On 15th November 1997, a trawler landed a gigantic female hammerhead shark *Sphyrna zygaena* (Linnaeus) locally called as 'Komban shura' at Therkuvadi landing centre. The fish measured 2.75 m in total length and weighed 381 kg. The fish was caught in long-line along with other fishes like *Euthynnus affinis*, *Carcharinus* spp., *Lutjanus* spp. *Lethrinus* spp. and conger eels. The shark was sold by auctioning for Rs. 24,000/-. The fish was cut into pieces, iced and sent to markets in Kerala.

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