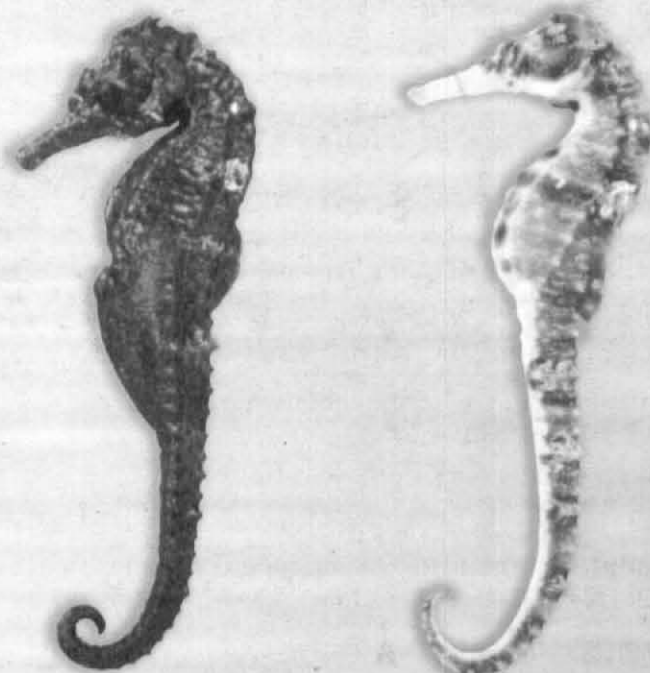




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A note on the heavy landings of the Indian squid at Pondicherry Fisheries Harbour

The Indian squid *Loligo duvaucelli* locally called "oosikanavai" landed at Pondicherry fisheries harbour by trawlers, which is a new record in this area. Usually, the trawlers were operating along the Pondicherry coast only for fishes and prawns, but on 5th, 6th and 7th of July 2001, heavy landings of '*Loligo duvaucelli*' from the trawlers was observed with the catch particulars as given below.

The catch comprised of large sized squids with their total mantle length ranging from 157 - 248 mm. All the squids landed were either in the ripe or partially spent (85%) stage which indicates their peak spawning period. One multi-day trawler captured the maximum quantity of 2150 kg. and sold for Rs.77,400. The entire catch was carried to Chennai, Cochin and Trivandrum for export.



Loligo duvaucelli

Table. Catch particulars of squids
Fishing ground: Off Periakalpet
Depth Range: 17-18 Fathoms

Date	Effort (trawl unit)	Catch Range (Kg)	Total estimated catch of squids in metric tonnes	Price / Box (50 Kg)
5.7.2001	22	350-1150	18.30	Rs.1745/-
6.7.2001	61	380-2150	28.20	Rs.1800/-
7.7.2001	20	320-410	11.95	Rs.2000/-