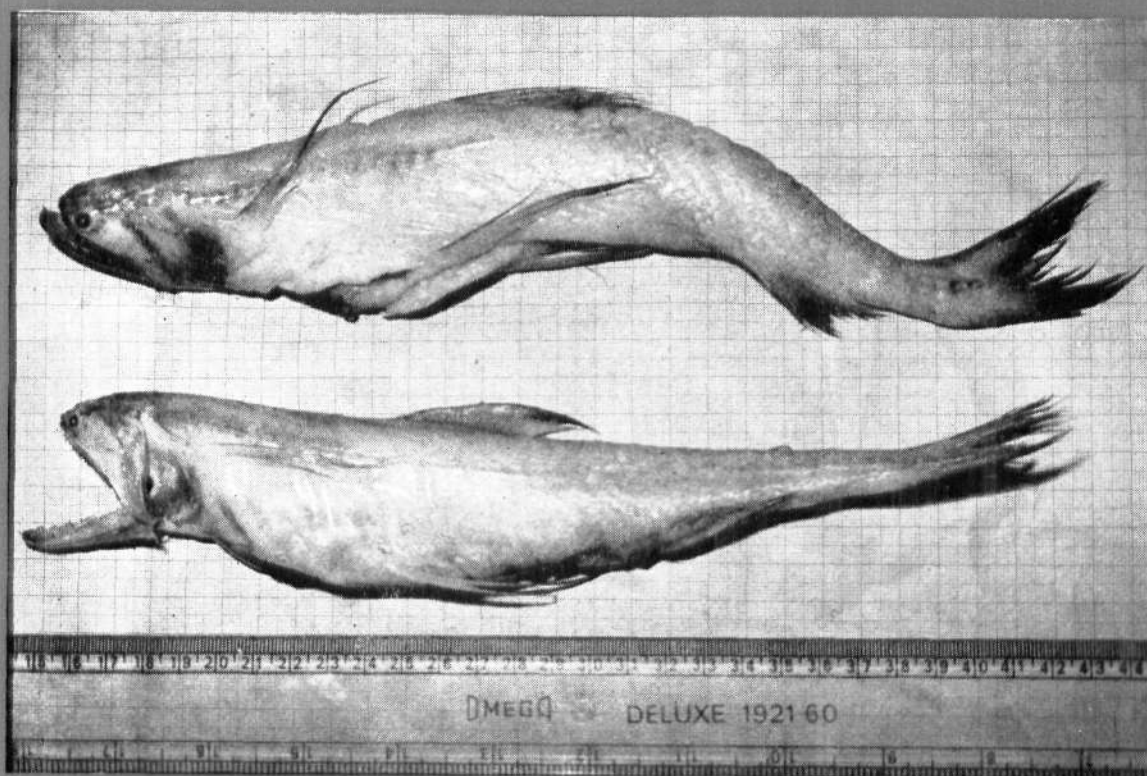




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REPORT ON A DIAMOND-BACK SQUID CAUGHT OFF VERAVAL, GUJARAT*

During the course of survey, a male specimen of 'Diamond-back squid' *Thysanoteuthis rhombus* weighing 1.65 kg was recorded from trawl landings at Veraval on 28-2-1987 (Fig. 1). The squid was caught by a trawler off Veraval at a depth of about 80 metres. The stomach was found to be empty. The body measurements (in mm) are as follows:

1. Dorsal mantle length (DML)	327
2. Ventral mantle length	323
3. Mantle width	303
4. Mantle width Index	92.6 % of DML
5. Head length	67
6. Head width index	23.32 % of DML
7. Arm length	195
8. Arm length index	59.63 % of DML
9. Eye diameter	4.8
10. Hetrocotylus length index	29.23 % of DML
11. Sucker index (sessile)	1.83 % of DML
12. Suckers	prominent 16 in left arm and prominent 23 in right arm.

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Fig. 1. Dorsal view of the Diamond-back squid.

