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Unusual landings of *Arius dussumieri* by Karli dol net at Basien Koliwada

On 21.12.06, a huge catch of (4,200 kg.) *Arius dussumieri* was landed by a Karli dol netter from a single haul from a depth of 24-26 m at a distance of 40-50 km towards Gujarat. Karli dol is a fixed floating bag net, which is used by artisanal fishermen at Bassein

Koliwada for catching pomfrets. The operation of this net is restricted to a depth of about 24-36 m.

The fishermen had actually set out for pomfret fishing and the catfish catch was unexpected.

Each fish weighed about 5 to 5.5 kg and the total number landed was 920. Length measurements were taken for 30 specimens and the size ranged between 583-838 mm. The

maximum number of specimens belonged to the size range 700-799 mm.

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