1231 **On the landing of large size guitar fish, *Rhina ancylostoma* at Chennai Fishery Harbour**

A large sized mature female guitarfish *Rhina ancylostoma* locally called "Kal uluvai" measuring 209 cm in total length and weighing 75 kg. was caught by mechanised gillnet off Chennai at a depth of 60m on 6-8-2006. Earlier on 27-04-2005, a female *Rhina ancylostoma* measuring 187 cm. was landed by a gillnet at the harbour.

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1232 **Record of oceanic squid *Thysanoteuthis rhombus* off Maharashtra Coast**

A single male specimen of *Thysanoteuthis rhombus* measuring 370 mm in mantle length and weighing 1.80 kg was landed by a trawler at Sassoon docks on 23.01.07.

The fishing was carried out at 60-70 m depth at a distance of 50-60 km off southwest coast towards Malvan.

This species was recorded for the first time from the Indian Ocean by Fillipova (1968). Kasim et al. (1998) reported their occurrence from the Gulf of Mannar. A single male specimen of *T. rhombus* with DML 327 mm was recorded by trawl at Veraval from a depth of about 80 m. These squids were reported from Cochin waters with one of the specimens measuring 620 mm in DML and weighing 7.5kg. The present occurrence of this species is the first record from Maharashtra waters.

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1233 **On the record of the largest (Giant) Bull Shark *Carcharhinus leucas* caught off Chennai**

A giant sized female bull shark *Carcharhinus leucas* measuring 356 cm in total length and 320 kg weight was caught by a gillnet operated at a depth of 50-60 m on 22-06-2005.