

ON THE LANDING OF A TIGER SHARK AND SKATE AT DIGHA, CONTAI, WEST BENGAL*

A Tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvieri*) and a Skate (*pristis microdon*) were landed on 23.12.1992 at Digha, near Contai, West Bengal by a gill netter which operated *Baram gill net* of 17.5 cm mesh size, 1600 m length and 14 m depth. The fishing was done 55 km away from the coast at about 40 m. The morphometric measurements of the fishes are given in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Morphometric measurements of the Tiger shark and the Skate landed at Digha

	Measurements in cm	
	<i>G.cuvieri</i>	<i>P.microdon</i>
Total length	500	540
Tip of mouth to 1st gill opening	44	-
Tip of mouth to last gill opening	65	-
Tip of mouth to origin of 1st dorsal fin	140	130
Tip of mouth to end of 1st dorsal fin	192	-
Distance between end of 1st dorsal fin and origin of 2nd dorsal fin	140	110
Distance between posterior border of 2nd dorsal fin to origin of caudal fin	81	49
Length of caudal fin	80	99
Height of upper caudal lobe	87	88
Height of lower caudal lobe	40	-
Width of 2nd dorsal fin	40	-
Height of 2nd dorsal fin	18	41
Length of pectoral fin	40	83
Height of pectoral fin	57	50
Height of body at origin of 1st dorsal fin	65	49.5
Height of body at origin of 2nd dorsal fin	55	-
Teeth	-	-
Teeth in upper jaw	20 rows	-
Teeth in lower jaw	20 rows	-
Tip of rostral to tip of caudal fin	-	540
Tip of rostral to origin of mouth	-	114
Height of 1st dorsal fin	-	46
Weight	500 kg	600 kg



Fig. 1. *Galeocerdo cuvieri*



Fig. 2. *Pristis microdon*

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