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**A rare record of albino catfish,
Arius caelatus landed at Mumbai.**

Albinism is due to gene mutations that affect the production of normal pigmentation. There are various degrees of albinism. True albino, or amelanistic animals lack melanin and are white with no markings and with unpigmented pink eyes.

On such case of albinism was observed in a male catfish *Arius caelatus* landed at New Ferry Wharf on 4.4.06 by a trawler. The total length measured 455 mm and weighed 1.100 Kg. The specimen was completely pale pink in colour. Normally *Arius caelatus* is light

brown-bronze on top of head and back, whitish below and the whole body has a metallic blue lustre. The specimen is preserved

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