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Heavy landings of skipjack tuna by gill netter at Mumbai.

On 2.2.05 about 1400 numbers of skipjack tuna ranging from 558-600 mm were landed at Sasoon Docks, Mumbai by a gillnetter. Apart from tunas the catch comprised of five sharks.

The catch was stored in crushed ice and unloaded at Sasoon Docks. They were sold at Rs. 120 per piece. The entire catch fetched Rs. 1,68,000 and were exported to European countries. Two specimens were bought to the laboratory for analysis. They measured 588

mm and 600 mm and weighed 4.447 Kg and 4.428 Kg respectively. Both the specimens were mature males and the gut contained myctophid (200 gms and 250 gms resp). A catch of this magnitude confirms the availability of sizeable tuna resource along this coast and a detailed study on its distribution, abundance and migration pattern is required.

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