

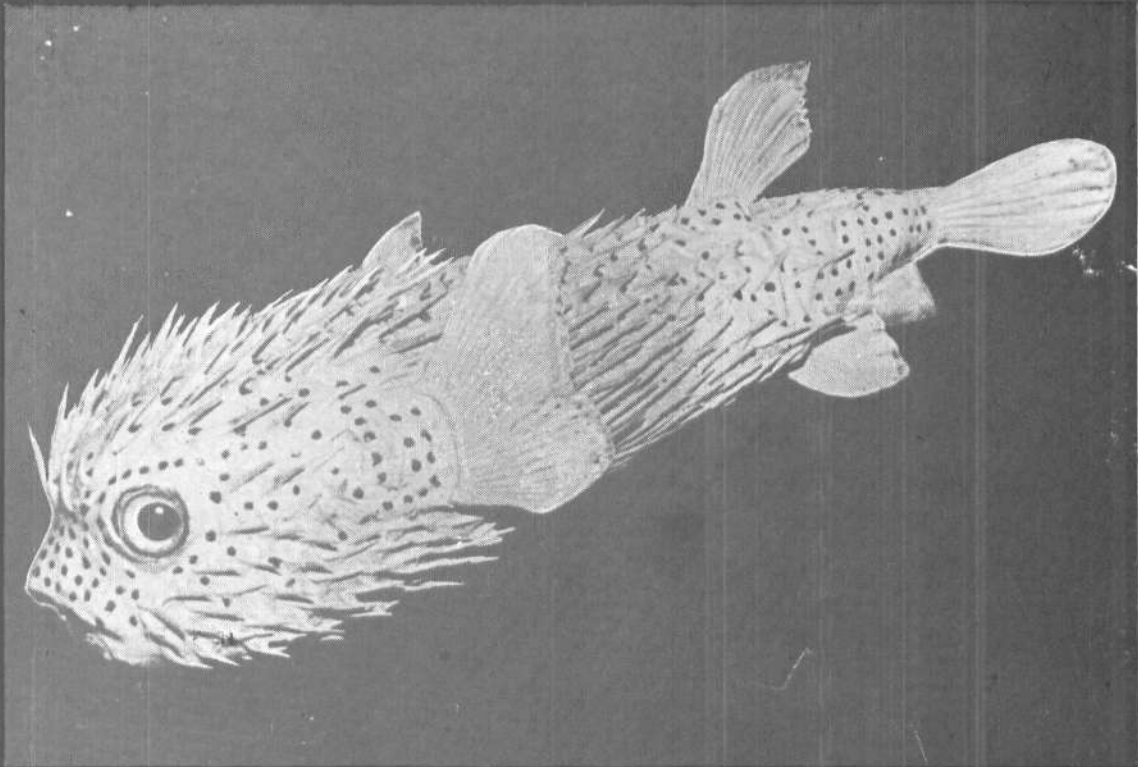


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On the largest Spotted porcupine fish, *Diadon hystrix* landed at Digha*

The Porcupine fish, *Diadon hystrix* Linnaeus is a common species encountered usually in the trawl net catches along the Indian coasts. The maximum size of the species recorded from seas around India is 30 cm. On 19-8-1995 a specimen of *D. hystrix* with a total length of 60 cm was landed at Digha by a trawler unit. The body depth of the species measured

20 cm with a weight of 1.8 kg. Incidentally this specimen appears to be the largest recorded species along the Indian coasts.

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