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During the year 2005, four numbers of *Mola mola* were encountered along the Tuticorin Coast in Gulf of Mannar, of which three numbers landed at Thiruvaikulam, a fishing hamlet 15 kms north of Tuticorin, and one specimen landed at Kayalpatnam, another fishing village 40 km south of Tuticorin. All the above-referred specimens were caught by

drift gill net (Paruvali-Large mesh gill net) from a depth of 60-100 m, while the gear was operated for fish, tuna, barracuda, billfishes and carangids.

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