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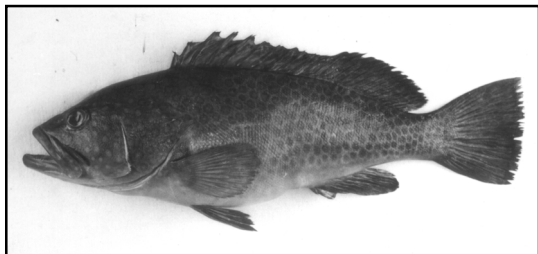
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Rare occurrence of *Epinephelus bleekeri* (Vaillant, 1877) in the fishery of Mumbai

Epinephelus bleekeri, commonly known as dusty tail grouper rarely seen in Mumbai fishery was recorded from Versova and New Ferry Wharf landing centres during December 2004. It is distributed in tropical waters of the Indo – west Pacific from the west coast of



Epinephelus bleekeri

India and Srilanka, eastward to China and Philippines.

The species of 245-760 mm was observed on 8-12-04 and 10-12-04 at Versova and New Ferry Wharf landing centres respectively in trawl catches. *E. bleekeri* was found along with the catch of *E. diacanthus*, *E. tauvina* and *E. fasciatus*. Fishing was carried out in the south west coast off Ratnagiri at 50 – 60 m depth.

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