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Landing of *Rachycentron canadum* (Linnaeus, 1766) by the purse seines at New Ferry Wharf, Mumbai

On 10/10/2003 *Rachycentron canadum* was caught along with *Scomberomorus commerson* and *Euthynemus affinus* at New Ferry Wharf by purse seines.

Estimated catch was 2t. The fishing area was about 50-70 km. south west of Mumbai at a depth of 35-45 metres. Total catch of the purse seines was estimated at 3.5t. *R.canadum* constituted 60%, followed by *E.affnis* 25% and *S.commerson* 12%. The catch consisted of 72 fishes

weighing from 8-20 kg. each. It was sold at the rate of Rs. 34/- per kg realizing Rs.68,900/- at the landing centre.

The length ranged from 100-169cm with a mode at 130 cm -139 cm. It grows to 200 cm., but commonly recorded size is 110 cm.

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