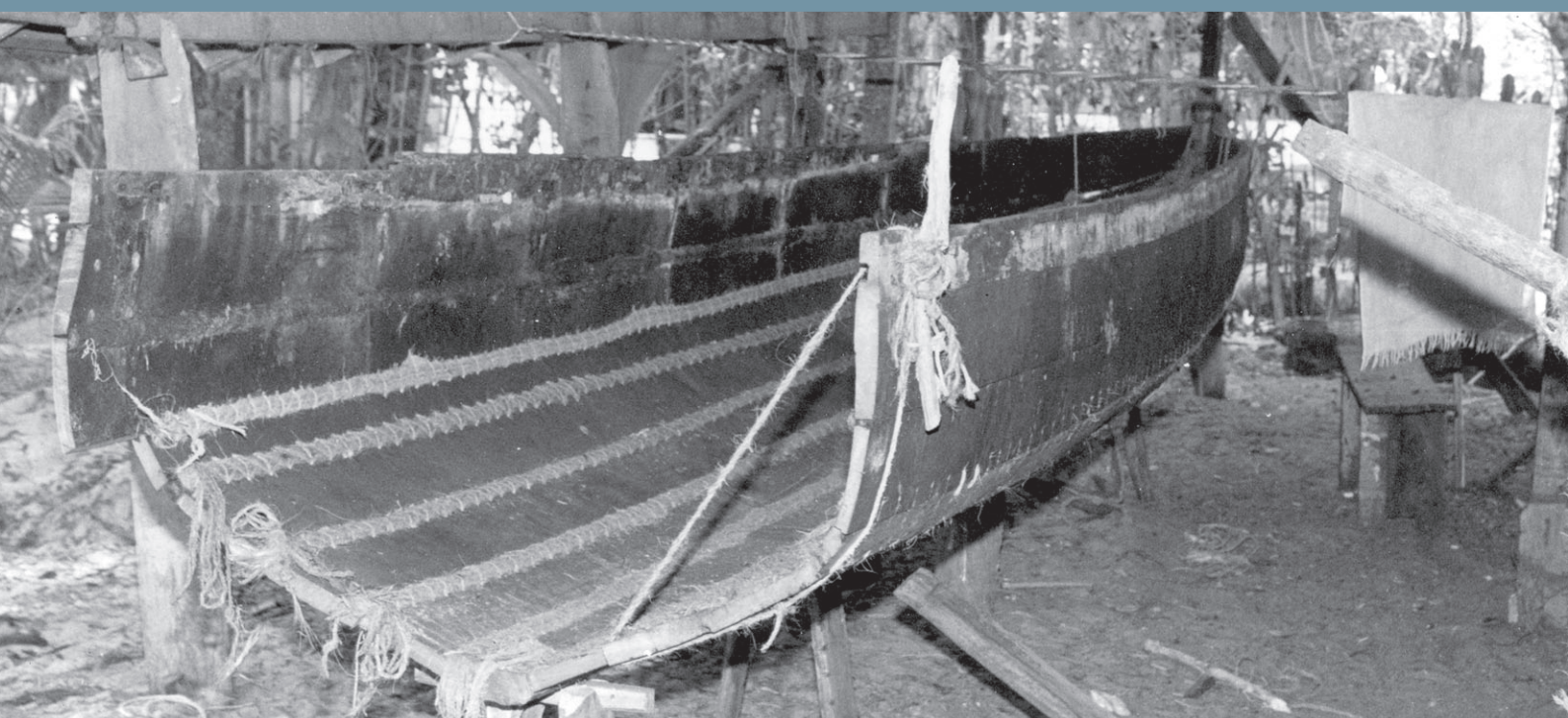




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Cephalopods form a significant percentage in trawl landings off Maharashtra. With the increased exploitation and expansion of fishing grounds, new records of cephalopods are reported from various places all along the coast.

Loliolus investigatoris (Goodrich, 1886) (Fig.1) occur infrequently in trawl catches. The species is processed and exported wholly as 'baby squids' alongwith the catch of juveniles of *Loligo duvacei*. It is considered as a delicacy in European countries and in the United States

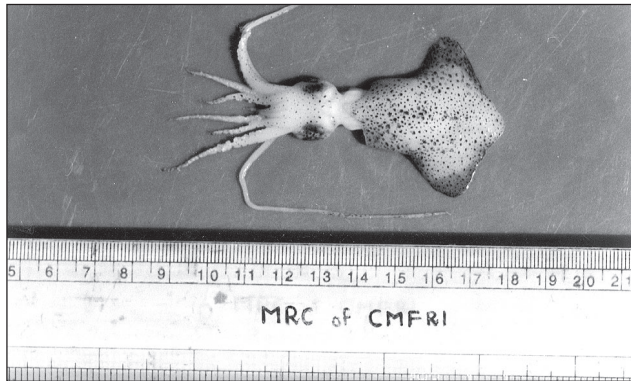


Fig.1 *Loliolus investigatoris* (Goodrich, 1886)

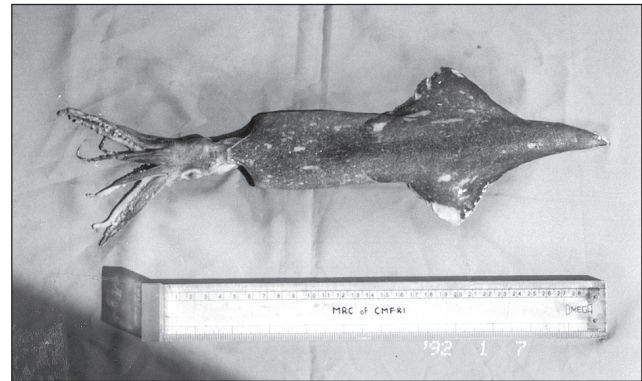


Fig. 2 *Doryteuthis singhalensis* (Ortmann, 1891)

of America. It is consumed whole and used in soups and other recipes. The occurrence of *Doryteuthis*



Fig. 3. *Onychoteuthis baski* (Leach, 1817)

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singhalensis is reported for the first time from New Ferry Wharf landing centre at Mumbai. (Fig.2).

Onychoteuthis baski (Fig.3) were caught off Mumbai waters by dol netters and also by small trawl netters operating up to a depth of 40m. during March-June . The dorsal mantle length of the specimens ranged from 20 to 35mm. Its occurrence was earlier recorded along the Andaman Nicobar Archipelago from the cruise of FORV *Sagar Sampada* conducted in March-April'1989.

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