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## Unusual heavy landing of *Otolithoides biauritus* and *Protonibea diacanthus* at Salaya Landing Centre, Jamnagar, Gujarat

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**H**heavy night landings of *Otolithoides biauritus* and *Protonibea diacanthus* were observed on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008 in which about 275 nos. (3,300 kg) of *Otolithoides biauritus* locally known as 'Koth' were landed by a multiday trawler operating 35-40 km offshore Salaya in the Bay of Kutch at depth of 25-30 m. The length of *O. biauritus* landed was between 76 cm and 136.8 cm. A lionshare of the catch (70%) belonged to length around 120 cm. The average weight of the fish landed was 12 kg. Their

price ranged from Rs. 90 to Rs. 100/kg. The total value of the catch amounted to Rs. 3 lakhs. On the previous day night, 28 nos. (560 kg) of *Protonibea diacanthus*, locally known as Ghol was landed by a multiday trawler operating in the same ground at the same depth. Their length ranged from 91.2 cm to 152 cm. Majority of the catch belonged to the higher length classes. On an average each fish weighed 20 kg. The total value of the catch was Rs. 2.85 lakhs.