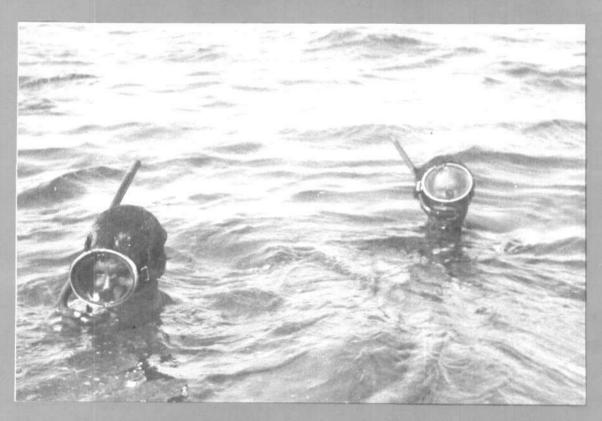


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ON THE LARGEST GREASY GROUPER EPINEPHELUS TAUVINA FORSSKAL LANDED AT VISAKHAPATNAM *

A large sized greasy grouper Epinephelus tauvina Forsskal, locally called 'Nallabontoo' measuring 236 cm in total length and weighing 300 kg was landed by a trawler of 13.1 m length, on 20th March, 1991 at Visakhapatnam from a depth of 60 m. Talwar & Kacker (Commercial Sea Fishes of India, 1984) reported that this species attains a maximum length of at least 220 cm, and 220 kg in weight. According to Fischer & Whitehead (FAO species Identification Sheets, Eastern Indian Ocean, Area 57, Vol. 4, 1974) it attains a maximum length of 150 cm. The present specimen seems to be the largest recorded so far.

The morphometric measurements (in cm) of	
236	
201	
66	
4.6	
107	
36.4	
31.3	
33.5	
7.3	
35.2	
61.5	
69	
61	

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