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**On the sunfish, *Masturus lanceolatus*
landed near Ervadi, Gulf of Mannar**

A sunfish, *Masturus lanceolatus*, commonly known as sharptail mola belonging to the family Molidae was drifted ashore (Fig.1) in

Sadaimuniyan Valasai, near Ervadi along the Gulf of Mannar coast on 21-05-2007. The specimen measured a total length of 840 mm.



Fig.1. The sunfish, *Masturus lanceolatus*

Larger specimens of this species were reported earlier from Gulf of Mannar coast in Tuticorin.

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