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On the landing of spinner dolphin at Chennai

On 20-04-2005, five female spinner dolphins, *Stenella longirostris* were accidentally caught off Chennai from 70 to 75m depth in the gill net operation for shark, rays, tuna and seer fish. The dolphins were in fresh condition when landed at Chennai Fisheries Harbour. The total length of the animals ranged from 149 to 160 cm and

weight between 30 to 40 kg. Spinner dolphin is the most commonly caught species along the Indian coast in gillnet operations.

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