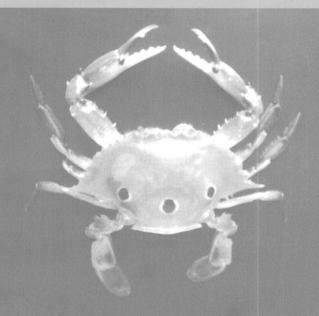


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## On a whale shark, *Rhiniodon typus* landed at Versova, Mumbai.

Whale shark is listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). There is no regular fishery for this species in India except in Gujarat where it is caught mainly for their fins and liver. They are occasionally trapped in different gears such as trawl net and purseseine.

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On 23-12-04, a male whale shark measuring 10.58 m and weighing approximately 1.95 t

was caught by a trawler from a depth of 45-65 m and landed at Versova landing center. The shark was brought to the shore at around 17.50 hrs. and auctioned for Rs. 26,450/-

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