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Unusual landing of *Arius* by dol net at Gorai, greater Mumbai

Dolnet is one of the traditional gears used by the fishermen having wooden craft with OAL 10.0 to 12.5 meter fitted with an inboard engine. *Arius* spp. are rarely caught by dolnets. During 1983 to 1996 the catfishes constituted only 2% of the dolnet catches. On 24-11-2002 huge landings was observed in a craft named Sony at Gorai landing centre. Eight dolnets were

operated by the craft. But only two had bumper catch of 1050 Kgs *Arius*. The entire catch was sold to the wholesalers at the rate of Rs. 10/- to 12/- per kg. The catch of the species by dolnetters has generated good deal of interest among fishermen as well as scientists.

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