Unusual landings of *Nemipterus* spp. by trawlers at Sassoon Docks, Mumbai

Trawlers at Sassoon Docks landed huge quantities of *Nemipterus* spp. during the period January ’04 to March ’04. (2063.55 t)

The catch was dominated by *Nemipterus japonicus* (80%) followed by *N. mesorprion* (20%). The CPUE for *Nemipterus* spp. increased from 471.93 kg for March ’03 to 1279.48 kg in March ’04.

The nets were operated at a depth of 35-80m for 7-day trips and 60-85m for 10-12 day trips. The fishing area was southwest off Mumbai and Ratnagiri. The total length ranged from 50-70 mm in January’04 to 150-245 mm in March ’04 catch. However, the rates declined from Rs. 18/kg to Rs. 10/kg. The catch was disposed off by auction. The catch was further transported to Ratnagiri for processing into *Surimi*. 