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NOTE ON A GIANT PERCH CAUGHT OFF KANYAKUMARI*

An unusually large perch, Promicrops lanceolatus, was caught in a high opening bottom trawl on board a 9.75 m stern trawler of 68 HP from off Kanyakumari during March, 1990 along with species of Lethrinus, Nemipterus, Lutjanus, Hypolophus etc. The specimen measured 241 cm TL and weighed about 250 kg. The SL of the specimen was 196 cm and the maximum height was 58 cm. The body was dark grey shadowing large blotches of the same hue on its body and fins. The location of the catch was about 9 km south off Kanyakumari at 27 m depth with rocky bottom. The fish was sold for Rs. 1,075/-

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