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## ON THE LANDING OF A GIANT ROCK-COD, (BLOCH) AT CUDDALORE\*

A giant rock-cod, *Promicrops lanceolatus* (Bloch) measuring 210 cm in total length was landed at Cuddalore Fisheries Harbour on 3 - 9 - 1989 by a drift gill netter operated off Cuddalore at a depth of about 35 - 40 m. Since the landings of such giant rock-cods are uncommon, some of the measurements collected on the present specimen are detailed below :

Total length	...	210
cm		
Standard length	...	182 ..
Head length	...	74 ..
Snout to first dorsal origin	...	81 ..
Snout to pectoral origin	...	68 ..
Snout to pelvic origin	...	75 ..
Snout to anal origin	...	148 ..
Height at dorsal origin	...	60 ..
Girth at caudal peduncle	...	48 ..
Approximate weight	...	200 kg

No biological observations could be made as the fish was not cut at the landing centre.



Fig. 1. The giant perch (*P. lanceolatus*) seen displayed in relation to the size of man.

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