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ON A LARGE ADULT ZEBRA SHARK LANDED AT PAMBAN*

On 7-12-1987, an adult female *Stegostoma faciatum* measuring 207 cm in total length and 49 kg by weight obtained while trawling at 20 m off Pamban in the Gulf of Mannar, was landed at Therkavadi landing centre of Pamban (Fig. 1). Although landing of juveniles of *S. faciatum* are not uncommon along the Indian coasts this is the first record of such a large adult specimen from the southeast coast of India.

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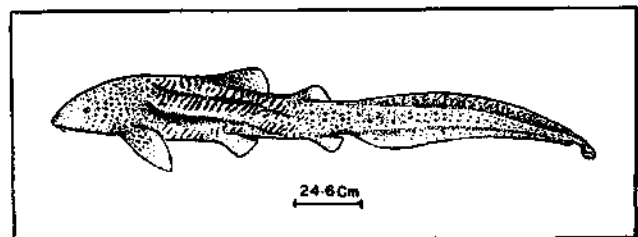


Fig. 1. An oviparous Zebra shark *Stegostoma faciatum* caught off Pamban in Gulf of Mannar.

