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A CHECK LIST OF FISHES OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF INDIA COLLECTED DURING THE RESEARCH CRUISES OF FORV SAGAR SAMPADA

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ABSTRACT

A knowledge on the fish fauna of the Exclusive Economic Zone of India is essential to study the distribution, zoogeography and biological aspects of the fish resources. The present check list of fishes is based on the pelagic and bottom trawl collections of FORV *Sagar Sampada* during her cruises 1-30, in the EEZ along both the east and west coasts of India during the years 1985-87. This list is arranged alphabetically by families and genera. The list consists of 87 families and 242 species, including both conventional and nonconventional fish fauna of the Indian EEZ. The depth-wise distribution of the species in the latitude zones are also given.

INTRODUCTION

The knowledge of the fish fauna of the EEZ of India is currently either lacking or whatever information available are improperly documented. Systematic, zoogeographical and vital biological studies of the conventional and nonconventional commercially important ichthyofauna of our waters are needed to assess the stock potential and exploitation. Such information, especially on nonconventional resources of the epipelagic, mesopelagic, bathypelagic and benthic fishes of outer shelf and beyond are highly essential in the present context of stagnating coastal fishery. Therefore, it is attempted to bring out a check list of all fishes collected from the EEZ of India by FORV *Sagar Sampada* in her cruises 1-30, as a preliminary requirement for the above mentioned studies.

Myers (1941) stated "by far the richest of the 4 tropical shore fish fauna in the Indo-Pacific, and it contains practically all the families and a considerable number of the genera that make up the fauna of the other 3, in addition to many families and genera not found elsewhere.....". Cohen (1973) reported that Indian Ocean may contain 3,000 to 4,000 species of tropical shore fishes. Though the coastal fish fauna

were well studied for taxonomic, distributional and biological purposes, the deeper oceanic fish fauna were not attempted earlier. After the declaration of the EEZ, now it becomes imperative to have a thorough knowledge on the geographical, seasonal and bathymetric distribution of fishes of our waters.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The samples for this investigation were collected from FORV *Sagar Sampada* during her cruises 1-30 from February, 1985 to June, 1987 covering 499 trawling operations. Immediately after the hauling of the net the ichthyofauna were sorted out and preserved for later identification and analysis. The gears used for the collection were Expo model pelagic trawl, High lift bottom trawl, Equal pannel midwater trawl, 400 mesh Chalut bottom trawl, Large granton bobbin trawl and German type rectangular pelagic trawl.

The list is arranged alphabetically by family and genera. The scientific and common names of fishes have been mostly followed after Fischer and Bianchi (1984) and Smith and Heemstra (1986). The details of the depth of occurrence, depth of fishing, position and the gear are also included.

RESULTS

ACANTHURIDAE

<i>Acanthurus bleekeri</i> Gunther, 1861	Bleeker's surgeon fish
Depth : 40 m ; Gear : Bottom trawl ; Location : Bay of Bengal 11°39'N 79°54'E.	
<i>Acanthurus nigricauda</i> Duncker & Mohr, 1929	Epaulette surgeon fish
Depth : 33 m ; Gear : Bottom trawl ; Location: Bay of Bengal.	
<i>Acanthurus</i> sp.	
Depth : 285 - 1016 m; Gear : Pelagic trawl ; Fishing depth : 20 - 420 m; Location : Andaman Sea 07°01' - 10°30'N 92°00' - 93°36'E.	
<i>Naso hexacanthus</i> (Bleeker, 1855)	Sleek unicorn fish
Depth : 75 m ; Gear : Bottom trawl ; Location : Andaman Sea 13°43'N 93°16'E.	

ACROPOMATIDAE

<i>Acropoma japonicum</i> Gunther, 1859	Glow-belly
Depth : 140 m; Gear : Bottom trawl ; Location : Arabian Sea 11°29'N 74°30'E.	
<i>Howella sherboni</i> (Norman, 1930)	Glow-belly
Depth : 3458 m ; Fishing depth : 20-420 m; Gear : Pelagic trawl ; Location : Andaman Sea 09°00'N 89°00' E	
<i>Synagrops</i> sp.	
Depth : 729 m; Fishing depth : 20m ; Gear : Pelagic trawl ; Location : Bay of Bengal 20°00'N 87° 50' E.	

ANTENNARIIDAE

<i>Antennarius</i> sp.	
Depth : 2410 m; Fishing depth : 20 - 420 m; Gear : Pelagic trawl ; Location : Andaman Sea 07°30'N 75°30'E.	

APOGONIDAE

<i>Cheilodipterus quinquelineatus</i> Cuvier, 1828	Sharptooth cardinal
Depth : 235 - 390 m ; Gear : Bottom trawl ; Location : Arabian Sea 14°28' - 15°28' N 72°49' - 73°10'E.	

ARIOMMIDAE

<i>Ariomma indica</i> (Day, 1870)	Indian ariomma
Depth : 52 - 3443 m; Fishing depth : 39 - 80 m (Pelagic trawl) , 57 - 200 m (Bottom trawl); Gear : Bottom trawl and Pelagic trawl ; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 07°15' - 20°40' N 68° 30' - 88°15'E.	

ASTRONESTHIDAE

<i>Astronesthes</i> sp.	
Depth : 2985-3825 m; Fishing depth : 20-50 m; Gear : Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 07°00' - 13°30'N 83°00' - 91°00' E.	
<i>Borostomias antarcticus</i> (Lonnberg, 1905)	Snaggletooth
Depth: 3126-339 m; Fishing depth : 15-200 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean and Arabian sea 05°00'- 17°00' N 69°00'- 77°00' E.	

BALISTIDAE

Balistes vetula Linnaeus, 1758 Queen trigger fish

Depth: 52 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 19°40' N 88°15' E.

Odonus niger (Ruppell, 1840) Red-toothed trigger fish

Depth: 33-57 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 07°47' N 77°14' E.

Pseudobalistes fuscus (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) Rippled trigger fish

Depth: 64 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 13°30' N 92°45' E.

Pseudobalistes sp.

Depth: 45 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 11°27' N 92°30' E.

BOTHIDAE

Bothus sp.

Depth: 1016-3917 m; Fishing depth: 40-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Andaman Sea 09°00' - 12°00' N 70°00'- 92°00'E.

BRAMIDAE

Brama dussumieri Cuvier, 1831 Lesser bream

Depth: 1990-3825 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Fishing depth: 40 m; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 14°00' N-72°30'E and 07°00' -13°30' N 83°00'-90°00' E.

Brama myersi Mead, 1972 Ocean bream

Depth: 1097 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Fishing depth: 20 m; Location: Lakshadweep Sea 10° 47' N-73° 45' E.

Brama orbignyi Cuvier, 1831 Tropical pomfret

Depth: 1875-2835 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Fishing depth: 25-100 m; Location: Arabian Sea 05°00' -11°00' N 71°00' -77° 30' E.

BREGMACEROTIDAE

Bregmaceros mcclellandi Thompson, 1840 Spotted codlet

Depth: 103-3791 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Fishing depth: 20-50 m; Location: Arabian Sea 15°00'- 17°00' N 69°00'-73°00' E.

Bregmaceros sp.

Depth: 2574 m; Fishing depth: 60-130 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 17°30' N 84°40' E.

CAPROIDAE

Antigonias rubescens (Gunther, 1860) Indo-Pacific boarfish

Depth: 67 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 08°42' N 76°11' E.

CARANGIDAE

Alectis sp.

Depth: 56 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 14°14' N 93°26' E.

Atule mate (Cuvier, 1833) Yellowtail scad

Depth: 60 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 14°13' N 80°24' E.

<i>Carangoides armatus</i> (Ruppell, 1830)	Longfin trevally
Depth: 38 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 14°14' N 93° 26' E.	
<i>Carangoides ferdau</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	Blue trevally
Depth: 42 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°51' N 77°56' E.	
<i>Carangoides malabaricus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Malabar trevally
Depth: 60-102 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 13°30'-15°24' N 73°06'- 92°45' E.	
<i>Carangoides oblongus</i> (Cuvier, 1833)	Coachwhip trevally
Depth: 38 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 14° 14' N 93°26' E.	
<i>Caranx melampygus</i> Cuvier, 1833	Bluefin trevally
Depth: 100 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 15°24' N 73°06' E.	
<i>Caranx para</i> Cuvier, 1833	Banded scad
Depth: 144 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 12°30' N 91°30' E.	
<i>Decapterus macrosoma</i> Bleeker, 1851	Shortfin scad
Depth : 57-71 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 19°30' N 87°50' E and 07°47' N 77°14' E.	
<i>Decapterus russelli</i> (Ruppell, 1830)	Indian scad
Depth: 62-88 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 11°28'-18°30' N 74°34'-80°23' E and 19°30' N 87°50'-88°50' E.	
<i>Decapterus</i> sp.	
Depth: 51-160 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea , Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 08°29'-09°30' N 75°51'-76°24' E; 18°31' N 84°46' E and 06°40' N 93°51' E.	
<i>Megalaspis cordyla</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Torpedo scad
Depth: 115 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 20°25' N 85°15' E.	
<i>Parastromateus niger</i> (Bloch,1795)	Black pomfret
Depth: 115 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 17°30' N 83°38' E.	
<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i> (Bloch, 1793)	Big eye scad
Depth: 40 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 11°39' N 79°54' E.	
<i>Seriolina nigrofasciata</i> (Ruppell, 1829)	Blackbanded trevally
Depth: 35-100 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 14°31'-16°31' N 72°38'-73°24' E and 08°24' N 78°16' E.	
<i>Trachinotus russellii</i> Cuvier, 1832	Largespotted dart
Depth: 23 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 20°20' N 87°00' E.	
CARCHARHINIDAE	
<i>Carcharhinus dussumieri</i> (Valenciennes, in Muller & Henle, 1839)	Whitecheek shark
Depth: 56 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 14°14' N 93°26' E.	
<i>Galeocerdo cuvieri</i> (Peron & Le Sueur, in Le Sueur, 1822)	Tiger shark

Depth: 51 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 07°40' N 93°51' E.	
<i>Scoliodon laticaudus</i> Muller & Henle, 1838	Spadenose shark
Depth: 92 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 20°25' N 69°30' E.	
CENTROLOPHIDAE	
<i>Centrolophus maoricus</i> Ogilby, 1893	
Depth: 1016 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 10°30' N 92°00' E.	
<i>Psenopsis cyanea</i> (Alcock, 1890)	Indian ruff
Depth: 71-329 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 08°42'-14°30' N 73°00'-76°11' E.	
<i>Psenopsis obscura</i> Haedrich, 1967	Ruff
Depth: 235 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 15°28' N 72°49' E.	
CHAMPSODONTIDAE	
<i>Champsodon capensis</i> Regan, 1908	Gaper
Depth: 1680-4280 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Lakshadweep Sea.	
CHAULIODONTIDAE	
<i>Chauliodus sloani</i> Schneider, 1801	Viper fish
Depth: 2000-3689 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep Sea and Andaman Sea.	
CHIASMODOTIDAE	
<i>Chiasmodon niger</i> Johnson, 1863	
Depth: 3538 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 09°00' N 88°00' E.	
CHIMAERIDAE	
<i>Rhinochimaera atlantica</i> Holt & Byrne, 1909	Longnose chimaera
Depth: 365-380 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 09°00' N 75°50' E.	
CHIROCENTRIDAE	
<i>Chirocentrus dorab</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	Dorab wolf-herring
Depth: 38 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 20°30' N 87°22' E.	
<i>Chirocentrus nudus</i> Swanson, 1839	Whitefin wolf-herring
Depth: 175 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 20°25' N 86°50' E.	
CHLOROPHTHALMIDAE	
<i>Chlorophthalmus agassizi</i> Bonaparte, 1840	Shortnose greeneye
Depth: 220-390 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 14°28'-15°28' N 72°19'-73°19' E and 07°15'-09°00' N 75°50'-77°50' E.	
<i>Clorophthalmus bicornis</i> Norman, 1939	Spinyjaw greeneye
Depth: 260 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 12°13' N 74°18' E.	
<i>Chlorophthalmus</i> sp.	
Depth: 320-380 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 08°30'-09°00' N 75°50'-76°00' E.	

CLUPEIDAE

Amblygaster sirm (Walbaum, 1792)

Spotted sardinella

Depth: 203 m; Fishing depth: 39 m; Gear : Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal
15°30' N 80°47' E.

Dussumieria acuta Valenciennes, 1847

Rainbow sardine

Depth: 1820 m; Fishing depth: 80 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal
19°30'N 87°50' E.

Dussumieria sp.

Depth: 56 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 20°00' N 70°56' E.

Hilsa kelee Cuvier, 1829

Kelee shad

Depth: 56 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 14°14' N 93°26' E.

Hilsa sp.

Depth: 52 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 19°40'N 88°15' E.

Ilisha filigera (Valenciennes, 1847)

Bigeye ilisha

Depth: 51-175 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 19°30'-20°25'N 87°50'-88°50' E.

CYNOGLOSSIDAE

Cynoglossus sp.

Depth: 70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°30' N 76°40' E.

DACTYLOPTERIDAE

Dactyloptena orientalis (Cuvier, 1829)

Oriental flying gurnard

Depth: 75m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 12°26' N 74°56' E.

DASYATIDAE

Dasyatis sp.

Depth: 50 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 15°40' N 75°40'E.

Himantura sp.

Depth: 45 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 12°30' N 92°30' E.

Himantura uarnak (Forsskal, 1775)

Honeycomb sting-ray

Depth: 33 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal

ECHENEIDAE

Remora remora (Linnaeus, 1758)

Remora

Depth: 63 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 11°40' N 74°56'E.

ENGRAULIDAE

Stolephorus commersonii Lacepede, 1803

Commerson's anchovy

Depth: 203 m; Fishing depth: 39 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal
15°30' N 80°47' E.

<i>Stolephorus indicus</i> (van Hasselt, 1823)	Indian anchovy
Depth: 49 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 17°30'N 89°40' E.	
<i>Stolephorus waitei</i> Jorden & Seale, 1926	Spotfaced anchovy
Depth: 40 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 17°30' N 84°40' E.	
<i>Stolephorus</i> sp.	
Depth: 40-56 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 17°30'N 84°40' E and 14°14' N 93°25' E.	
<i>Thryssa mystax</i> (Schneider, 1801)	Moustached thryssa
Depth 203 m; Fishing depth : 39 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 15°30' N 80°47' E.	
EXOCOETIDAE	
<i>Cheilopogon nigricans</i> (Bennett, 1840)	African flyingfish
Depth: 70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 18°58' N 72°00' E.	
FISTULARIIDAE	
<i>Fistularia commersonii</i> Ruppell, 1835	Bluespotted cornetfish
Depth: 54-328m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 09°00' N 75°50' E; 19°00'N 70°04' E and 19°00 N 84°50' E.	
<i>Fistularia petimba</i> Lacepede, 1803	Red cornetfish
Depth: 100 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 15°24' N 73°06' E.	
GEMPYLIDAE	
<i>Gempylus serper</i> Cuvier, 1829	Snake mackerel
Depth: 1784-2250 m; Fishing depth: 50-150 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 10°38'-14°55'N 72°00' - 74°00' E and 11°00' N 80°30' E.	
<i>Neoepinnula orientalis</i> (Gilchrist & von Bonde, 1924)	Sack fish
Depth: 84-4276 m; Fishing depth: 20-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 07°00'-20°00' N 66°00'-77°00' E.	
<i>Rexea prometheoides</i> (Bleeker, 1856)	Royal escolar
Depth: 32-119 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 13°30'-20°30 N 80°00'-87°22' E and 12°30' N 90°32' E.	
GERREIDAE	
<i>Pentaprion longimanus</i> (Cantor, 1850)	Longfin silverbiddy
Depth: 32-119 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 13° 30'-20° 30' N 80° 00'-87° 22' E and 12° 30' N 90° 32' E.	
GONOSTOMATIDAE	
<i>Cyclothona</i> sp.	
Depth: 84 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 08° 42' N 76° 16' E.	
<i>Diplophos taenia</i> Gunther, 1873	Bristle mouth
Depth: 1960-3126 m; Fishing depth: 20-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Equatorial Indian Ocean 10°00'-12°30' N 73°30'-76°00' E and 01°00'S 76°00'E.	

<i>Photichthys argenteus</i> Hutton, 1872	Bristle mouth
Depth: 3126-3396 m; Fishing depth: 20-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 01°00'S - 01°00' N 76°00'- 80°00' E.	
<i>Triplophos hemingi</i> (Mc Ardle, 1901)	Bristle mouth
Depth: 1960 m; Fishing depth: 712 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 12°30'N 73°30' E.	
<i>Vinciguerria lucetia</i> Garman, 1899	Bristle mouth
Depth: 1690- 3126 m; Fishing depth: 20-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Lakshadweep Sea and Arabian Sea.	
<i>Vinciguerria nimbaria</i> (Jordan & Williams, 1895)	Bristle mouth
Depth : 1690-3815 m; Fishing depth: 20-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Lakshadweep Sea and Andaman Sea.	
HAEMULIDAE	
<i>Diagramma pictum</i> (Thunberg, 1795)	Painted sweetlips
Depth: 39-55 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 10°30'-13°30' N 80°10'-80°28' E.	
<i>Plectrohinchus pictus</i> (Tortonese, 1935)	Trout sweetlips
Depth: 45 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 12°30' N 92°30' E.	
<i>Plectrohinchus schotaf</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	Minstrel sweetlip
Depth: 33 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal.	
<i>Plectrohinchus</i> sp.	
Depth: 75 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 13°43'N 93°16'E.	
<i>Pomadasys argenteus</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	Silver grunt
Depth: 43-90 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 17°00'-18°00' N 83°30'-88°00'E and 16°52' N 72°26' E.	
<i>Pomadasys</i> sp.	
Depth: 50 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 15°40' N 73° 20' E.	
HOLOCENTRIDAE	
<i>Sargocentron caudimaculatum</i> (Ruppell, 1835)	Silverspot squirrelfish
Depth: 84 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°42' N 76°11'E.	
IDIACANTHIDAE	
<i>Idiacanthus atlanticus</i> Brauer, 1906	Sawtail fish
Depth: 3126-3396 m; Fishing depth: 40-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 01°00' S-01°00' N 76°00'-80°00'E.	
KYPHOSIDAE	
<i>Kyphosus</i> sp.	
Depth: 1784-3444 m; Fishing depth: 40-300 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Lakshadweep Sea and Andaman Sea 10°30'-11°34' N 73°00'-74°00' E 17°58'N 67°00' E.	

LABRIDAE

Epibulus insidiator (Pallas, 1770) Sling-jaw wrasse

Depth: 997-2837 m; Fishing depth: 25-100 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 05°00'-11°00'N 71°00'-77°30'E.

LACTARIIDAE

Lactarius lactarius (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) False trevally

Depth: 50-92 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 14°30'-20°25'N 69°30'-73°32' E.

LEIOGNATHIDAE

Gazza sp.

Depth: 203 m; Fishing depth: 39 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 15°30' N 80°47' E.

Leiognathus bindus (Valenciennes, 1835) Orangefin ponyfish

Depth: 52-60 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 18°30'-21°00' N 84°23'-88°50' E.

Leiognathus equulus (Forsskal, 1775) Common ponyfish

Depth: 58-68 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 16°31' N 82°22'E and 08°49' N 76°18' E.

Leiognathus fasciatus (Lacepede, 1803) Striped ponyfish

Depth: 63 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 13°30' N 92°45' E.

Leiognathus lineolatus (Valenciennes, 1835) Ornate ponyfish

Depth: 30 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal.

Leiognathus sp.

Depth: 51-119 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal 06°40'-14°14' N 80°30'-93°51' E.

Leiognathus splendens (Cuvier, 1829) Splendid ponyfish

Depth: 43 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 18°00'N 84°00' E.

Secutor ruconius (Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822) Deep pugnose ponyfish

Depth: 51 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 19°40' N 88°15' E.

LETHRINIDAE

Gymnocranius robinsoni (Gilchrist & Thompson, 1908) Blue-lined large-eye bream

Depth: 80 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 08°13' N 93°40' E.

Gymnocranius sp.

Depth: 80 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 12°30' N 90°32' E.

Lethrinus elongatus Valencienes, 1830 Longface emperor

Depth: 80 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 12°30' N 90°32' E.

Lethrinus mahsenoides Valencienes, 1830 Saburbir emperor

Depth: 40m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 11°39' N 79°54' E.

Lethrinus nebulosus (Forsskal, 1775) Spangled emperor

Depth: 33 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal.

Lethrinus rubrioperculatus Sato, 1978 Spotcheek emperor

Depth: 48 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 11°29' N 74°30' E.

Lethrinus sp.

Depth: 35-82 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 08°24'-18°58' N 71°30'-78°16' E; 10°30'-13°30' N 80°10'-80°28'E and 06°40'-13°43' N 93°16'-93°52' E.

LOPHOTIDAE

Lophotus capellei (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845)

Crest fish

Depth: 2595 m; Fishing depth: 110 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 15°00' N 71°00' E.

LUTJANIDAE

Lutjanus argentimaculatus (Forsskal, 1775)

Mangrove red snapper

Depth: 40-250 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 13°31'-17°00' N 72°55'-74°16' E.

Lutjanus johni (Bloch, 1792)

John's snapper

Depth: 48 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 11°29' N 74°30' E.

Lutjanus lutjanus (Bloch, 1790)

Bigeye snapper

Depth :57 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°47' N 77°14' E.

Lutjanus malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)

Malabar blood snapper

Depth: 40-60 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 11°39'-13°55' N 79°54'-80°23' E.

Lutjanus rivulatus (Cuvier, 1828)

Blubberlip snapper

Depth: 65 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 13°30' N 73°54' E.

Lutjanus sp.

Depth: 35-80 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 13°00'-18°58' N 71°30'-80°28' E and 06°40'-13°43'N 93°13'-93°51' E.

Pristipomoides sp.

Depth : 80 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 08°13' N 93°40' E.

Pristipomoides types Bleeker, 1852

Sharptooth jobfish

Depth: 74 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 13°43' N 93°16' E.

MACRORAMPHOSIDAE

Macroramphosus scolopax (Linnaeus, 1758)

Longspine snipe

Depth: 200 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°15' N 77°00' E.

MACROURIDAE

Bathygadus sp.

Depth: 3815 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 07°00' N 85°00' E.

Coelorinchus fasciatus (Gunther, 1878)

Grenadier

Depth: 3734-3815 m; Fishing depth: 40-420 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 07°00' N 85°00'-87°00' E.

MALACOSTEIDAE

Malacosteus niger Ayres, 1848 Lose jaw

Depth: 3126-3396; Fishing depth: 20-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 01°00' N-01°00'S 76°00'-80°00' E.

MELANOSTOMIIDAE

Echiostoma barbatum Lowe, 1843 Scaleless dragonfish

Depth: 3396 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 01°00'N 80°00' E.

MENIDAE

Mene maculata (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) Moonfish

Depth: 1998 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 14°00' N 72°30' E.

MOBULIDAE

Mobula diabolus (Shaw, 1804) Devil ray

Depth: 120 m; Fishing depth: 53 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 19°30' N 85°35' E.

MUGILIDAE

Mugil cephalus Linnaeus, 1758 Flathead mullet

Depth : 23 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 11°30' N 80°00' E.

MULLIDAE

Upeneus moluccensis (Bleeker, 1855) Goldband goatfish

Depth: 50-70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 18°30'-21°00'N 84°23'-88°50' E.

Upeneus sp.

Depth: 70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 09°30' N 73°00'E.

Upeneus sulphureus Cuvier, 1829 Sulphur goatfish

Depth: 50-70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 18°30'-21°00' N 84°23'-88°50' E.

Upeneus vittatus (Forsskal, 1775) Striped goatfish

Depth: 50-70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 20°25' N 88°50' E and 14°30' N 92°00'E.

MURAENESOCIDAE

Congresox talabonoides (Bleeker, 1853) Indian pike conger

Depth: 62-68 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 13°04'-16°30'N 73°00'-74°14' E.

Muraenesox cinereus (Forsskal, 1775) Daggetooth pike conger

Depth: 53 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 13°33' N 73°24' E.

MYCTOPHIDAE

Bolinichthys sp.

Depth: 3166-3616 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 03°00' S-03°00' N 76°00'-86°00' E.

<i>Ceratoscopelus warmingii</i> (Lutken, 1892)	Lantern fish
Depth: 3488 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 03°00'S- 03°00' N 76°00'-86°00' E.	
<i>Diaphus effulgens</i> (Goode & Bean, 1896)	Lantern fish
Depth: 2206-3684 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 03°00' S-03°00' N 76°00'-86°00' E.	
<i>Diaphus perspicillatus</i> (Ogilby, 1898)	Lantern fish
Depth: 3126 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 01°00'S 76°00'E.	
<i>Diaphus</i> sp.	
Depth: 3156 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 03°00'N 89°00' E.	
<i>Diaphus splendidus</i> (Brauer, 1904)	Lantern fish
Depth: 52 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 13°33' N 73°24' E.	
<i>Gymnoscopelus (Nasolynchnus)</i> sp.	
Depth: 2206-3722 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 03°00'S- 03°00'N 76°00'-86°00' E.	
<i>Lampanyctus pusillus</i> (Johnson, 1890)	Lantern fish
Depth: 3166-3616 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 02°00' S 80°00'-82°00' E.	
<i>Lobianchia</i> sp.	
Depth: 2206-3722 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 02°00' S -03°00' N 84°00'-86°00' E.	
<i>Myctophum</i> sp.	
Depth: 2206-3722 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.	
<i>Myctophum spinosum</i> (Steindachner, 1867)	Lantern fish
Depth: 2206-3616 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 02°00'S-02°00' N 76°00'-80°00' E.	
<i>Symbolophorus evermanni</i> (Gilbert, 1905)	Lantern fish
Depth: 2206-3684 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Equatorial Indian Ocean 03°00' S-02°00'N 76°00'-78°00' E.	
<i>Symbolophorus</i> sp.	
Depth: 3126-3166 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 02°00'S-03°00' N 76°00'-84°00' E.	
<i>Triphoturus nigrescens</i> (Brauer, 1904)	Lantern fish
Depth: 3156-3488 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 02°00' S-01°00' N 84°30'-86°00' E.	

MYLIOBATIDAE

Aetobatus narinari (Euphrasen, 1790) Spotted eagleray

Depth: 42 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°51' N 77°56' E.

Myliobatis aquila (Linnaeus, 1758) Eagleray

Depth: 23 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 20°20'N 87°00' E.

Rhinoptera javanica Muller & Henle, 1841 Flapnose ray

Depth: 42 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°51' N 77°56' E.

NEMICHTHYIDAE

Nemichthys scolopaceus Richardson, 1848 Snipe eel

Depth: 1716-2767 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep Sea.

Nemichthys sp. Snipe eel

Depth: 1638-3058 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep Sea.

NEMIPTERIDAE

Nemipterus bleekeri (Day, 1875) Delagoa threadfin bream

Depth: 25-64 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 11°30' N 75°00' E and 13°30' N 73°30' E.

Nemipterus japonicus (Bloch, 1791) Japanese threadfin bream

Depth: 57-128 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 07°20'-23°30' N 69°30'-77°26' E and 12°41'-13°55' N 80°23'-80°72' E.

Nemipterus mesoprion (Bleeker, 1853) Redfilament threadfin bream

Depth: 57-141 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 07°47'-22°00'N 68°30'-74°56' E.

Nemipterus metopias (Bleeker, 1852) Slender threadfin bream

Depth: 64-134 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 11°30' N 75°00' E and 17°00' N 82°33' E.

Nemipterus sp. Slender threadfin bream

Depth: 40-156 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

NOMEIDAE

Cubiceps capensis (Smith, 1849) Cape fat - head

Depth: 2608-3624 m; Fishing depth: 20-150 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 10°30' N 81°74' E; 05°59' N 77°29' E and 17°01' N 70°58' E.

Cubiceps pauciradiatus Gunther, 1872 Longfin fat - head

Depth: 673-3719 m; Fishing depth: 20-285 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 12°00'-19°00'N 68°25'-74°19'E and 19°30' N 86°40'-88°05' E.

Psenes cyanophryns Cuvier & Valenciennes, 1833 Freckled driftfish

Depth: 1568-2715 m; Fishing depth: 20-160 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°30'-12°00'N 70°00'-75°30' E.

Psenes sp. Freckled driftfish

Depth: 45-3719 m; Fishing depth: 20-60 m; Gear: Bottom trawl and Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Equatorial Indian Ocean 14°00'-19°20' N 69°00'-73°30' E 17°30'-19°30' N 83°40'-88°05' E and 02°00' S 80°00'E.

<i>Psenes squamiceps</i> Lloyd, 1909	Indian driftfish
Depth: 1050-3684 m; Fishing depth: 40-300 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl (Bottom trawl at 07°15' N 77°50' E at a depth of 200 m); Location : Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Equatorial Indian Ocean 14°00'-19°20' N 69°00'-73°30' E; 17°30'-19°30'N 83°40'-88°05' E and 02°00' S 80°00' E.	
	OPHIDIIDAE
<i>Monomitopus conjugator</i> Alcock, 1896	Cusk eel
Depth: 250 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 13°33' N 73°24' E.	
	OSTRACIDAE
<i>Ostracion</i> sp.	
Depth : 1016 m ; Fishing depth : 40-400 m ; Gear : Pelagic trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 10°30'N 92°00'E.	
	PARALEPIDIDAE
<i>Lestidiops</i> sp.	
Depth : 3815 m; Fishing depth : 40 - 400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Andaman Sea 07° 00'N 85°00'E.	
<i>Paralepis</i> sp.	
Depth: 2632-3825 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 07°00' - 13°13'N 83°00'-91°00'E.	
	PERCOPHIDAE
<i>Bembrops platyrhynchus</i> (Alcock, 1893)	Duckbill
Depth : 221 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 07°50'N 77°50'E.	
	PERISTEDIIDAE
<i>Peristedion weberi</i> Smith, 1934	Armoured gurnard
Depth: 80m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°47' N 76°11'E.	
	PLATACIDAE
<i>Platax</i> sp.	
Depth: 75m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 21°00'N 69°22'E.	
	PLATYCEPHALIDAE
<i>Grammoplites suppositus</i> (Troschel, 1840)	Spotfin flat-head
Depth: 125 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 12°20'N 74°12'E.	
<i>Platycephalus indicus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Bartail flat-head
Depth: 50-80 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 15°40'-21°00'N 69°22'-73°20'E.	
	POLYNEMIDAE
<i>Polynemus sextarius</i> Schneider, 1801	Blackspot threadfin
Depth: 51 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 19°30'N 85°40'E.	
<i>Polynemus</i> sp.	
Depth: 51-82 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 19°00'-20°00'N 70°51'-70°56'E and 19°00'N 84°50'E.	

POMACENTRIDAE

Pomacentrus sp.

Depth : 2250 m; Fishing depth : 20-250 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 10°30'N 74°00'E.

PRIACANTHIDAE

Priacanthus hamrur (Forsskal, 1775)**Moontail bullseye**

Depth: 51-250 m; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 07°47'-23°30' N 67°00'-76°00' E.
(Occurred in the pelagic trawl at a depth of 1443 m (Fishing depth of 20 m) at 19°30' N 86°40' E).

Priacanthus sp.

Depth: 22-3719 m; Fishing depth: Bottom trawl 22-262 m; Pelagic trawl 60-300 m; Location: Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 07°30'-22°53' N 64°00'-88°57' E 08°13'-20°57' N 90°30'-94°29' E.

Priacanthus tayenus Richardson, 1846**Purple-spotted big eye**

Depth: 87-729 m; Gear: Bottom trawl and Pelagic trawl; Fishing depth: Bottom trawl 79-90 m; Pelagic trawl 20 m. Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 17°33'-19°30' N 69°58'-71°15' E and 20°00'N 85°50' E.

PSETTODIDAE

Psettodes erumei (Schneider, 1801)**Indian spiny turbot**

Depth: 40-75 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

RACHYCENTRIDAE

Rachycentron canadum (Linnaeus, 1766)**Cobia**

Depth: 42-102 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 07°51'-20°25' N 69°30'-77°56' E and 12°40' N 80°29' E.

RHINOBATIDAE

Rhinobatos annulatus Smith, 1841**Lesser guitarfish**

Depth: 45 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 12°30' N 91°30' E.

Rhinobatos sp.

Depth: 35 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Andaman Sea 13°30' N 94°10' E.

SCIAENIDAE

Atrobucca nibe Jordan & Thompson, 1911**Longfin kob**

Depth: 51 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 19°40' N 88°15' E.

Johnieops vogleri (Bleeker, 1853)**Sharptooth hammer croaker**

Depth: 30-60 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 19°40' N 88°15' E and 08°04' N 74°06' E.

Otolithes cuvieri Trewavas, 1974**Lessertigertooth croaker**

Depth: 104 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 22°53' N 67°00' E.

Otolithes ruber (Schneider, 1801)**Tigertooth croaker**

Depth: 88 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 20°57' N 90°30' E.

<i>Pennahia macrophthalmus</i> (Bleeker, 1850)	Bigeye croaker
Depth: 362 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°00' N 75°00' E.	
<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i> (Lacepede, 1802)	Spotted croaker
Depth: 62-362 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°00'-17°00' N 72°55'-75°00' E.	
SCOMBRIDAE	
<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i> (Cuvier, 1831)	Wahoo
Depth: 4525m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 09°59' N 70°00'E.	
<i>Auxis rochei</i> (Risso, 1810)	Bullet tuna
Depth: 74-102 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Andaman Sea 13°31' N 73°38' E and 09°00' N 92°00' E.	
<i>Auxis thazard</i> (Lacepede, 1800)	Frigate tuna
Depth: 60-93 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea 09°00' N 73°38' E and 19°00' N 67°00' E.	
<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Skipjack tuna
Depth: 3256-3719 m; Fishing depth: 60-300 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 16°00'-19°00'N 68°30'-70°30' E.	
<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i> (Cuvier, 1817)	Indian mackerel
Depth: 23-100 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 07°51'-19°30' N 72°31'-87°50' E.	
<i>Sarda orientalis</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1844)	Striped bonito
Depth: 104 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 16°30' N 72°21' E.	
<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i> (Lacepede, 1800)	Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel
Depth: 64 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 11°40' N 74°56' E.	
<i>Scomberomorus guttatus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Indo-Pacific king mackerel
Depth: 39-92 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea 13°30'-14°30' N 80°00'-82°31' E and 20°25' N 69°30' E.	
<i>Scomberomorus</i> sp.	
Depth: 30-53 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 14°30'-18°30' N 80°12'-84°28' E.	
SCORPAENIDAE	
<i>Scorpaena</i> sp.	
Depth: 85-95 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 07°30' N 77°30' E.	
SERRANIDAE	
<i>Epinephelus caeruleopunctatus</i> (Bloch, 1790)	White-spotted grouper
Depth: 3443 m; Fishing depth: 50 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 18°00' N 68°30' E.	
<i>Epinephelus chlorostigma</i> (Valenciennes, 1828)	Brown-spotted grouper

Depth: 79 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 18°30' N 17°26' E.	
<i>Epinephelus diacanthus</i> (Valenciennes, 1828)	Thorny cheek grouper
Depth: 60-127 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 11°00'-22°00' N 68°30'-75°19' E.	
<i>Epinephelus malabaricus</i> (Schneider, 1801)	Malabar grouper
Depth: 82-93 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 18°58'-19°00' N 70°30'-71°30' E.	
<i>Epinephelus morrhua</i> (Valenciennes, 1833)	Comet grouper
Depth: 33m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 08°48' N 78°23' E.	
<i>Epinephelus</i> sp.	
Depth: 23-140 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 08°24'-18°58' N 71°40'-93°16' E.	
<i>Epinephelus stoliczkae</i> (Day, 1875)	Epaulet grouper
Depth: 23 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 10°30' N 80°00' E.	
<i>Epinephelus tauvina</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	Greasy grouper
Depth: 33m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location : Bay of Bengal 08°48' N 78°23' E.	
	SPARIDAE
<i>Argyrops filamentosus</i> (Valenciennes, 1830)	Soldier bream
Depth: 75 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 15°00' N 83°00' E.	
<i>Argyrops spinifer</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	King soldier bream
Depth: 47 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 06°40' N 93°51' E.	
<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i> (Forsskal, 1775)	Goldlined seabream
Depth: 60m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 13°55' N 80°23' E.	
	SPHYRAENIDAE
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i> (Walbaum, 1772)	Great barracuda
Depth: 42-100 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 07°51'-15°24' N 73°06'-77°56' E.	
<i>Sphyraena obtusata</i> Cuvier, 1829	Obtuse barracuda
Depth: 70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 19°30' N 88°50' E.	
<i>Sphyraena</i> sp.	
Depth: 23-80 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 10°30'-20°00' N 70°00'-80°50' E.	
	STERNOPTYCHIDAE
<i>Argyropelecus hemigymnus</i> Cocco, 1829	Marine hatchetfish
Depth: 3202 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 12°58' N 86°00' E.	
<i>Polyipnus polli</i> Schultz, 1961	Marine hatchet fish
Depth: 3156-3488 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Equatorial Indian Ocean 02°00' S-03°00' N 84°00'-86°00' E.	

STOMIIDAE

Stomias boaboa (Risso, 1810) Scaly dragonfish
 Depth: 1645-2830 m; Fishing depth: 25-100 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 05°00'-11°00' N 71°00'-77°30' E.

Stomias nebulosus Alcock, 1889 Scaly dragonfish
 Depth: 1195-4341 m; Fishing depth: 35-150 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 11°25'-16°30' N 69°00'-74°50' E.

STROMATEIDAE

Pampus argenteus (Euphrasen, 1788) Silver pomfret
 Depth: 33-51 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 19°40' N 88°15' E 08°00' N 75°00' E.

SYNODONTIDAE

Saurida gracilis (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824) Gracile lizardfish
 Depth: 60 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°04' N 74°06' E.

Saurida longimanus Norman, 1939 Longfin lizardfish
 Depth: 70 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 19°30' N 88°50' E.

Saurida nebulosa Valenciennes In Cuvier & Valenciennes, 1849 Clouded lizardfish
 Depth: 32-125 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 08°29'-21°00' N 69°22'-94°29' E.

Saurida tumbil Bloch, 1795 Greater lizardfish
 Depth: 33-235m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 07°20'-23°30' N 69°22'-85°00'E.

Saurida undosquamis (Richardson, 1848) Brushtooth lizardfish
 Depth: 33-235; Gear : Bottom trawl; Location : Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 07°47'-19°30' N 72°49'-87°50' E.

Synodus sp. Depth: 2632-3826 m; Fishing depth : 100-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 07°00'-13°30' N 83°00'-91°00' E.

Trachinocephalus myops (Forster, 1801) Bluntnose lizardfish
 Depth: 47-87; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 06°40'-13°30' N 93°05'-93°51' E.

TACHYSURIDAE

Tachysurus sp. Depth: 33-81 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 07°51'-17°57' N 72°14'-77°56' E.

Tachysurus tenuispinis Day, 1877 Thinspine sea catfish
 Depth: 49 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 10°00' N 75°50' E.

Tachysurus thalassinus (Ruppell, 1837) Giant catfish

Depth: 33-101 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 08°00'-14°30' N 73°24'-75°50' E and 19°32'-20°50' N 87°42'-89°15' E.

TERAPONIDAE

Terapon sp.

Depth: 41 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 14°00' N 80°20' E.

Terapon theraps (Cuvier, 1829) Largescaled terapon

Depth: 29 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal.

TETRAODONTIDAE

Arothron stellatus (Bloch & Schneider, 1844) Star blassop

Depth: 33 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 08°48' N 78°23' E.

Lagocephalus spadiceus Richardson, 1844 Pufferfish

Depth: 1645-2837 m; Fishing depth: 25-100 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 05°00'-11°00'N 71°00'-77°30' E.

TRIACANTHODIDAE

Triacanthus biaculeatus (Bloch, 1786) Shortnosed tripodfish

Depth: 595 m; Fishing depth : 230-400 m; Gear : Pelagic trawl; Location : Arabian Sea 13°00'-14°21' N 73°09'-73°43' E.

Triacanthodes sp.

Depth: 2025 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 10°00' N 73°38' E.

TRACHIPTERIDAE

Trachipterus sp.

Depth: 2379-3577 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Andaman Sea 10°00' N 73°25' E and 09°00' N 87°00' E.

Trachipterus woodi Smith, 1953 Polkot ribbonfish

Depth: 1645-2837 m; Fishing depth: 25-100 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 05°00'-11°00'N 71°00'-77°30' E.

TRICHIURIDAE

Benthodesmus sp.

Depth: 2983-3826 m; Fishing depth: 40-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 07°00'-13°30' N 83°00'-91°00' E.

Lepidopus caudatus (Euphrasen, 1788) Butter snoeck

Depth: 1568-4276 m; Fishing depth: 100-400 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 08°00'-17°00'N 70°00'-75°00' E.

Trichiurus auriga Klunzinger, 1884 Pearly hairtail

Depth: 110 m; Fishing depth: 70 m; Gear: Pelagic trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 17°00'N 82°50' E.

Trichiurus gangeticus Gupta, 1966 Ganges hairtail

Depth: 52 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Bay of Bengal 19°40' N 88°15' E.

Trichiurus lepturus Linnaeus, 1758 Largehead hairtail

Depth: 33-104 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal 08°00'-20°25' N 69°30'-75°00' E and 19°40' N 88°15' E.

TRIGLIDAE

Lapidotrigla riggsi Richards & Saksena, 1977 Rigg's gurnard

Depth: 127 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 12°20' N 74°12' E.

Pterygotrigla hemisticta (Temminck & Schlegel, 1842) Blackspotted gurnard

Depth: 127 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 11°29' N 74°30' E.

URANOSCOPIDAE

Uranoscopus sp.

Depth: 127 m; Gear: Bottom trawl; Location: Arabian Sea 12°20' N 74°12' E.

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