**Unusual landings of Bottle Nose Dolphin**

A large sized male bottle nose dolphin (*Tursiops aduncus* Enrenberg) measuring 220 cm in total length and weighing about 180 kg was landed by a small trawler on 18 March at Visakhapatnam Fisheries Harbour. It was caught at 50 m depth, 30 km south off Visakhapatnam. Landings of dolphin by shrimp trawls are rare. This was reported by S/Shri. C. V. Seshagiri Rao, Technical Officer (T-5) and K. Narayana Rao, Tech. Assistant.

On Prawn Farming and Fish Farming, 4 training courses were organised. Totally, 51 beneficiaries including 31 women were trained in these disciplines.

Under Animal Production, 7 courses were organised, one in KVK Campus and six at different villages. 190 rural women were given training.

Under Home Science, 2 training courses, one each in Garment making and Food & Nutrition, were conducted to train 19 women.

On Prawn Farming and Hatchery production of prawn seeds, 2 training courses were conducted. On seaweed culture, 2 courses were organised. Totally, 53 persons were trained in these 4 courses.

**Staff Research Council**

The 46th meeting of the Staff Research Council of CMFRI was held at Kochi on 5 February to review the progress of the scientific work carried out during Oct-Dec. '91.

**Engagements**

Dr. P. S. B. R. James, Director attended the following meetings.

Seminar on “Strategies for Development of Fisheries in Andhra Pradesh” at Kakinada, 30-31 Jan.

Discussion with Dr. Chen Foo Yan on Environmentally linked aquaculture projects at New Delhi, 18 Feb.

Meeting convened by Director General, ICAR, to discuss the ICAR Personnel Policy for scientists and five days week in the ICAR institutes, at New Delhi, 9 March.

Dr. G. Luther, Shri. S. Reuben, Dr. G. Sudhakara Rao and Shri. Y. Appanna Sastry attended the seminar on “Strategies for development of fisheries in Andhra Pradesh” at Kakinada, 30-31 Jan.

Dr. G. Luther and Dr. G. Sudhakara Rao attended the III Zonal meeting of the Southern States To review the progress of Fisheries development held at Visakhapatnam 21, Feb.

Dr. N. Kaliaperumal, Scientist (SG), attended the meeting of Seaweed, seashell and Beche-de-mer suppliers, utilisers and exporters organised by the MPEDA at Madurai, 18 Feb.

Dr. D. B. James, Scientist (SG), Tuticorin Research Centre of CMFRI, Tuticorin participated as a Faculty member in the training programme for fishermen on improved methods of handling and processing of Sea cucumbers for export at Tirupalakudy (Palk Bay) jointly organised by MPEDA, CMFRI and Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, 19-25 Feb.

Shri. V. Mohan, Junior Library Assistant, CMFRI Kochi, attended the seminar on ‘Modern Trade in Marine Science Bibliographic Information Handling’ organised by National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, 28 Feb.

Dr. K. A. Narasimham, Principal Scientist & Officer-in-charge, Tuticorin Research Centre of CMFRI, Tuticorin gave a talk on "Coastal Aquaculture " at a function organised by Zoology Association of St. Mary’s College. Tuticorin, 17 Jan.

Dr. K. A. Narasimham, Principal Scientist and Dr. M. Peer Mohamed, Principal Scientist attended a meeting convened by the Director, Central Electro Chemicals Research Institute at Tuticorin and explained the activities of the Tuticorin Research Centre.