Whale shark landed

Two whale sharks (Rhinodon typus) weighing 2 and 3 tonnes were landed at Veraval during February.

Giant sea pike caught

A large size giant sea pike (Sphyraena jello) (Cuvier) measuring 1.45 m in total length and weighing 25 kg was caught in the hook and line off Vizhinjam. Though small and medium sized Sphyraena spp are landed as incidental catches by the hook and line operated by Kattamarans the giant size pike is not usually seen. The specimen landed was auctioned at Rs. 450. According to Day and Munro (1982) the species would grow up to 5' as reported by Shri S. Krishna Pillai, Senior Scientist at Vizhinjam.

Huge landings of Sepia

A trawl boat operated at 80 m off Ponnani landed about 1500 kg of Sepia spp. at Cochin fisheries harbour which was auctioned for Rs. 1,60,000 as reported by Shri K.C. Pradeep Kumar.

SRC reconstituted

In accordance with the modifications effected by the ICAR on 18 July 1994 the Staff Research Council of CMFRI was reconstituted. The Director will be the Chairman of the SRC. Besides heads of division and sections, principal investigators of the research projects, Assistant Director General (Marine fisheries), Dr N.R. Menon, Director, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT, Dr K. Nagappan Nair, Retd Principal Scientist, CMFRI, Dr S.C. Shanbhogue, Prof. and Head of the Department of Fishery Biology, College of Fisheries, Mangalore will serve as the members and Scientist-in-charge of the Research Management Cell at the Institute will be the member secretary.

The first meeting of the reconstituted SRC was held at CMFRI during 22-24 March. The ongoing research projects were reviewed and new proposals were formulated. The members of the reconstituted SRC and the officers in charge of the Regional and Research Centres attended the meeting.

Degree awarded

Shri K.K. Appukuttan, Scientist (SG) was awarded Ph.D by the University of Kerala for his thesis entitled Studies on the ecobiology and fishery of Paphia malabarica Chemnitz (Veneridae, bivalvia) from Ashtamudi estuary, Southwest coast of India. He worked under the supervision of Dr C.M. Aravindan, Professor,