

Sardinella albella

Record size of Sardinella albella landed

A few specimens of lesser sardine *Sardinella albella* (Valenciennes, 1947) with a total length of 20.1 cm, weighing 60 g each were landed on 24th August at

Pamban landing centre. The specimen were caught in Chooda valai (sardine gillnet) operated at 14 m depth in the Palk Bay. The maximum size of this species recorded so far is of 16 cm total length. (Mandapam Regional Centre)