Hyalonema (Cyliconema) apertum apertum recorded in the eastern side of North and Central Andaman waters

The hexactinellids constitute one of the important members of deep-sea communities, many of which remain unsampled or poorly sampled. One of the sponges collected during the cruise on board FORV Sagar Sampada (Cruise No.252) from the eastern side of North Andaman waters at 13°06’ N lat. and 93°11’ E long. was identified as Hyalonema (Cyliconema) apertum apertum. This species, collected at a depth of 402m, belonged to the Class Hexactinellida, Order Amphidiscosida and Family Hyalonematidae. The body was spindle-like, followed by basalia in the form of long twisted spicules. Identical specimens collected from 12°57’ N lat. & 93°07’ E long. and 12°45’ N lat. & 93°09’ E long. confirmed the presence of H. (Cyliconema) apertum apertum in the Central Andaman waters too.

(Pelagic Fisheries Division & Marine Biodiversity Division)

Dolphin washed ashore at Kamat Bay, Karwar

A dolphin was found washed ashore in a mutilated and putrefied condition on 22nd June, 2008 at Kamat Bay, Karwar. Samples of skin and bones were sent to CMFRI Headquarters, Cochin for confirmation of species by DNA analysis.

(Karwar Research Centre)

Baleen whale washed ashore at Dona Paula beach, Goa

A baleen whale was washed ashore on 18th June, 2008 at Dona Paula beach, Goa.

(Karwar Research Centre)

Landing of larger sciaenids by gill netters at Veraval

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(Veraval Regional Centre)

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