Reducing the water temperature, the incidence of mortality came down. The poor water quality in holding tanks, high density stocking, injury and the consequent entry of the pathogenic bacteria in the hemolymph and the transportation stress would have led to rapid multiplication of the bacteria in the hemolymph and the hepatopancreas, resulting in mortality. Further studies are required for the confirmation of Gaffkemia and drawing health management measures for the control of the disease.

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Bumper Catches of Needle Squid, *Doryteuthis sibogae* at Kasimedu Fishing Harbour, Chennai

The needle squid, *Doryteuthis sibogae* was collected from Kasimedu Fisheries harbour, Tamil Nadu during July, 2008. The squids were collected through trawl nets, a bumper total catches of 15 tons of squid biomass were recorded during 24th July, 2008. Morphometric measurements were recorded regularly; maximum & average length was 290 mm and 160 -190 mm respectively.

The needle squid, *Doryteuthis sibogae* was collected from Cuddalore fishing harbour, Tamil Nadu during August, 2008. The length & weight of male squid was 375 mm and 300 gm respectively. The squid was collected through trawl net from south of Nagapattinam fishing area. A total of 3 tons of squid's biomass were collected among 10 trawlers.

New model developed for mass larval rearing of sand lobster *Thenus orientalis*

A new rearing system model for mass rearing of sand lobster larvae was developed and tested at the Kovalam