

Heavy landings of *Loligo duvaucelli* by trawlers at Veraval and Mangrol

Loligo duvaucelli was landed by trawlers at Veraval and Mangrol to the tune of 960 t in January, 1260 t in February and 630 t in March. In recent times there has been a shift in species composition of cephalopods with *Sepia pharaonis* being dominated more and more by *Loligo duvaucelli*. The target oriented fishing for cephalopods by trawlers at Veraval and Mangrol with specially designed nets appears to be the main reason for the increased catch in the last few months.