maximum of 11 fold increase in weight was obtained by adopting raft culture method for *Kappaphycus alvarezi* farming for 64 days during February and March at cage culture site.

**Bulk landings of *Arius dussumieri* by trawlers at Veraval and Mangrol**

An estimated 15,100 t of catfish *Arius dussumieri* was landed at Veraval and Mangrol by trawlers in the month of March. The catch recorded in the months of January and February at the same centres was 840 t and 480 t, respectively. The catch was composed chiefly of juveniles and there was targeted fishing for catfishes in these months.

**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.

**New landing of *Fistularia petimba* (Large Cornet Fish) at Veraval by trawlers**

A large cornet fish (*Fistularia petimba*) was landed for the first time on 03.02.2009 by trawlers at Veraval. The total length was 148 cm and total weight was 2.53 kg. The fish was caught by trawler off Veraval coast at a depth of 60 m.

**Heavy landings of Yellowfin tuna *Thunnus albacares* (Bonnaterre, 1788) by hooks and line at Chennai coast**

During the period from January to March 2009, heavy landing of yellowfin tuna *Thunnus albacares* was observed at Chennai Fisheries Harbour. The catches were 15 t, 56 t and 73.5 t respectively in the three months. Maximum catch recorded on a single day was 5.5 t on 3.3.09. The length range was 1.54 - 1.62 m and weight range was 40-60 kg. The tunas landed were cleaned, degutted and transported to Kerala.