fisheries harbour by mechanized gillnet. The mechanized gillnet was operated from a depth of 30-50 meters at a distance of 30-40 km north Chennai towards Andhra. Normally, dolphinfish, *Coryphaena hippurus* was landed regularly in east coast of Chennai.

**Landings of Whelks from Kasimedu and Cuddalore fishing harbour**

*Babylonia spirata* commonly known as whelks, are landed as bycatch in shrimp trawlers in Kasimedu Fishing harbour and Cuddalore Fishing Harbour, Tamilnadu. They were traditionally exploited for use in shell-craft industry in Tamilnadu. However, in early 90s the whelk fishery gained significance because of the export demand for whelk meat in Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, UAE, Maldives and Sri Lanka for pharmaceutical industries.

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**Heavy landings of Cephalopods by trawlers at Veraval & Porbander**

There was a heavy landing of cephalopods (*Sepia pharaonis* & *S. aculeata*) to the tune of > 2 t/trawler immediately after commencement of fishing in the first week of September following the monsoon ban.

*(Veraval Regional Centre of CMFRI)*

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**Coryphaena equiselis**

*Coryphaena equiselis* Landing of Live Whelks, *Babylonia spirata* from Kasimedu Fishing Harbour, TN.