

Unusual landing of *Protonibea diacanthus* at Okha, Gujarat

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Protonibea diacanthus locally known as 'ghol' were landed by multiday trawlers operating 50 - 60 km away from Okha (Jakhau) at depths of 60 - 70 m for 5 - 6 days. On 14.10.08, 210 nos. (4165 kg) and on 15.10.08, 165 nos. (2500 kg) were landed. Their length ranged from 75 - 150 cm. Majority of the catch (80%) had length of 120 cm. The average weight was 20 kg fetching a price of Rs. 500/kg. The total value of the catch on the first day was approximately Rs. 20 lakhs and on the second day Rs. 12.5 lakhs.



Fig. 1. *Protonibea diacanthus*