Landing of 'flying gurnard' in Mumbai

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On 8th May 2009, about 20 fishes with striking colour pattern were landed at Sassoon Docks in Mumbai. They were caught by a trawler operating at 70-100 m depth off Mumbai. Four specimens were brought for identification at the Mumbai Research Centre of CMFRI. The species was identified as *Dactyloptena peterseni* (Nystrom, 1887). The species belonging to the genus *Dactyloptena* have no fishery importance. If caught incidentally, they are marketed as fresh but rarely used as food. They are mostly used in marine aquarium, especially *Dactyloptena orientalis*.



Fig. 1. Flying gurnard *Dactyloptena peterseni* (Nystrom, 1887) landed at Mumbai