

Landing of a pregnant female tiger shark, *Galeocerdo cuvier* at Cochin Fisheries Harbour

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A female tiger shark of 4 m length weighing approximately 2.5 t was caught in a drift gillnet accidentally and was landed at Cochin Fisheries Harbour (Fig. 1) on 25th January 2011. The tiger shark had a belly full of advanced embryos. While it was being loaded into the insulated vehicle, the body sagged to one side. Later due to the difficulty in loading its body into the truck, the belly was cut open. From the placenta, thirty advanced embryos of 70-75 cm in length were taken out (Fig. 2 and 3). Then the whole body, the liver and the advanced embryos were carried off for sale.



Fig. 1. *Galeocerdo cuvier* landed at CFH



Fig. 2. Young one of *G. cuvier* being taken out of the pregnant female tiger shark

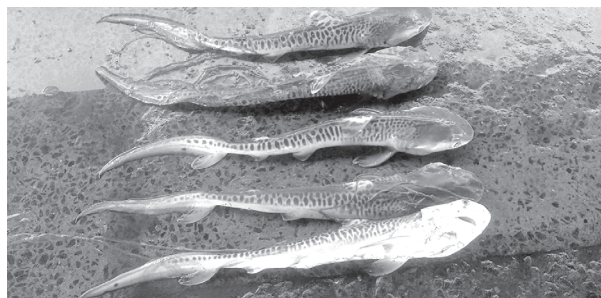


Fig. 3. Young ones of *G. cuvier* taken out of the belly of pregnant female tiger shark