Indiscriminate exploitation of *Epinephelus diacanthus* juveniles at Mumbai

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New Ferry Wharf is one of the major fish landing centres of Mumbai and 80-100 trawlers operate daily from here. On 13th May 2011, large numbers of juveniles of *Epinephelus diacanthus* was landed at the New Ferry Wharf (Fig. 1). On an average, each boat landed 700-800 kg of juveniles over a period of 3-4 days. Landings of juveniles of *E. diacanthus* of this magnitude was a rare phenomenon. The size ranged from 70 to 100 mm in total length.

Heavy landing of *Mobula* sp. at Neendakara, Kollam, Kerala

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On 12th June 2012, thirty-six numbers of *Mobula* sp. were landed at Neendakara Fisheries Harbour. The total weight of the landings was approximately 3400 kg. The species was caught in multiday hooks and lines from Goa coast at a depth of about 450 m. The fishermen sold the catch @ ₹ 80/kg.

Heavy landing of *Thunnus tonggol* at Sassoon Docks, Mumbai

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About 60 t of *Thunnus tonggol* were landed at Sassoon Docks, Mumbai on 25th September 2010 by about 16 purse seiners from 30-40 m depth, 70-80 km off Ratnagiri. The length of tuna ranged from 480 to 630 mm and the corresponding weight ranged from 1.6 to 3.1 kg.

The catch was stored in crushed ice and was unloaded at Sassoon Docks and sold @ ₹ 35/kg. The entire catch fetched ₹ 21 lakhs which appears very lucrative during the post-fishing ban period. The catch was exported mainly to European countries.

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