

Unusual landing of deepsea lobster *Palinustus waguensis* at Cuddalore

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Deepsea blunt horn lobster, *Palinustus waguensis* Kubo, 1963 was landed by bottom set gillnets operated at Cuddalore during July 2011. Their occurrence has been reported earlier in the deepsea trawl landings at Kasimedu, Chennai. The size range of the specimens collected alive, was 40-52 mm and the specimens collected were all males. Anterior margin of carapace and inner margin of frontal horns bore several distinct spines, characteristic of the species. The animals responded when fed on wedge clams and remained hidden under rocks and corners.



Palinustus waguensis collected from Cuddalore