earlier from Chennai coast of India during October 2005. The maximum length reported for talang queen fish is 120 cm TL (Fishbase and FAO). The species is locally called as ‘diana’in Konkani and ‘halge meenu’ in Kannada. The fish was sold for ₹ 500/- in the local market.

Occurrence of yellow tail blue snapper *Paracaesio xanthurus* at Chennai

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About 50 kg of yellow tail blue snappers (*Paracaesio xanthurus*) locally called as “methi meen” belonging to family Lutjanidae were landed by mechanised gillnetters at Chennai Fishing Harbour in July 2011. On 17th July 2011, about 300 kg of *P. xanthurus* was landed by ring seine at Mahabalipuram area from a depth of about 30 fathom. The size of the fishes ranged from 310 to 435 mm with dominant mode at 360-379 mm and the weight ranged from 0.6-1.5 kg. In August 2011, about 60 kg of yellow tail blue snappers in the size range of 200 to 319 mm were landed at Notchikuppam landing centre by gillnetters.

Green turtle *Chelonia mydas* (Linnaeus, 1758) washed ashore at Visakhapatnam

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A green turtle, *Chelonia mydas* (Linnaeus, 1758), the largest of the sea turtles, was found dead on the sandy shores of Visakhapatnam on 3rd August 2012. It is probable that it was hit by a boat propeller and washed ashore. It is a matter of concern since green turtles are endangered and are protected as per various international agreements. Green turtles are classified as endangered by the World Conservation Union (Baillie and Groombridge, 1996). They are listed in Annexure II of the SPAW (a Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife), Appendix I of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna) and Appendices I and II of the Convention.