Heavy landings of juvenile seerfish *Scomberomorus commerson* (Lacepede, 1800) along Chennai coast

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After the fishing ban (15th April - 30th May, 2011), heavy landings of juvenile seerfish *Scomberomorus commerson* (Lacepede, 1800) was observed along Chennai coast. During the period from April to August 2011, young ones of *S. commerson* were landed continuously by gillnet (*Pannuvalai*). The nets were operated near the shore in 5-10 m depth. The average catch per boat was 15-50 kg daily. The length and weight ranged from 156 to 362 mm and from 25 to 315 g respectively. The fishes were sold for `30-70/- each.

Heavy landings of threadfin breams at Sassoon Docks, Mumbai

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At Sassoon Docks (new jetty), which is a major fish landing centre in Mumbai, heavy landings of threadfin breams were observed on 19th July 2011. The catch was dominated by *Nemipterus japonicus* and *Nemipterus mesoprion*. The fishing ground was south of Mumbai in the depth range of 40-50 m. Twenty five trawlers unloaded their catch on this day and about 5- 6 t was observed in each trawler. The catch was carried by trucks to different processing units. The species fetched a price of ` 15 / kg at the landing centre.

Occurrence of *Cephalopholis nigripinnis* (Valenciennes, 1828) in Maharashtra waters

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A single specimen of *Cephalopholis nigripinnis* was observed in the trawl catch at New Ferry Wharf on 12th November 2010 . The fishing area was in the depth range of about 30-40 m, 70-80 km off north-west coast of Mumbai. The present report appears to be the first record of the occurrence of this species from Maharashtra waters.