

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.



Cephalopholis nigripinnis (Valenciennes, 1828)

The total length of the specimen was 187 mm and weight 124 g. The fish was a maturing male. The gut was $\frac{1}{4}$ th full with digested matter.