Unusual landing of sand eel *Bleekeria* sp. at Chennai

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About 2 t of the sand eel, *Bleekeria* sp., locally called “aruna,” was landed by mechanised trawlers, operated at a depth of 60-80 m, at Chennai Fisheries Harbour on 7th July 2011. The size range of the fishes was 110-144 mm with the dominant mode at 120-124 mm. The fish was sold at the rate of ₹ 40 per kg at the landing centre.

Scalloped hammerhead shark, *Sphyrna lewini* (Griffith & Smith, 1834) landed by gillnetters at Sassoon Docks, Mumbai

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A total of 650 kg of the scalloped hammerhead shark, *Sphyrna lewini* locally called as ‘*kan mushi*’ was landed by about 11 gillnetters at Sassoon Docks (old jetty), Mumbai on 22nd December 2010. The length of the sharks ranged from 90 to 100 cm. The sharks were landed by gillnetters operated at 30-40 m depth, 40-50 km off Mumbai. The catch was unloaded at Sassoon Docks and sold at ₹ 110/kg and the entire catch fetched ₹ 71,500/-. A catch of this magnitude confirms the availability of sizeable hammer head shark resource along this coast.