A total of 37 species of stomatopods belonging to the family Squillidae are known to occur in the seas around India of which, 17 species are recorded from Chennai coast. While observing the routine trawl landings at Kasimedu Fisheries Harbour, on 20th September 2012, two specimens of stomatopods, which differed from the usual species landed were collected (Fig. 1 & 2). On close examination, they were identified as *Carcinosquilla multicarinata* (White, 1848) and *Clorida latreillei* (Eydoux & Souleyet, 1841). The total length of the former species was 105 mm and the latter 96 mm. Both the specimens were females and hauled from a depth of 40 m off Chennai.

*C. multicarinata* is characterised by several longitudinal carinae on carapace, abdomen and telson and has been recorded earlier from Sand Heads, Parangipettai, Pamban and Mandapam and now from Chennai coast. *C. latreillei* is with a larger teeth on either side of telson and reported from Mumbai, Sundarbans, Chennai and Parangipettai.

**Rare occurrence of two stomatopod species from Chennai coast**

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A gigantic black marlin, *Makaira indica* (Cuvier, 1832) measuring 4.3 m in length and weighing around 450 kg was landed at Bhimilipatnam beach landing centre and brought to Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour on 23rd February 2013. The specimen was brought to the Regional Centre of CMFRI, Visakhapatnam for further study.
12th December, 2012 for auction (Fig. 1 and 2). The fish was caught in FRP outboard motorised craft operating hooks and lines. The fishing ground was north off Visakhapatnam. Biological investigations revealed the marlin to be a male with stomach in half full condition. The fish was auctioned for a price of ₹35,000/-

Fig. 1. Large sized black marlin landed at Bhimilipatnam

Fig. 2. Black marlin being cut into pieces for easy transportation to Chennai market

First report of *Lagocephalus sceleratus* (Gmelin, 1789) from Kollam coast

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A single specimen of the silver cheeked toad fish, *Lagocephalus sceleratus* was noticed among the catch of *Lagocephalus* spp. landed by a trawler at Neendakara Fishing Harbour on 17th November, 2012 (Fig. 1a & b). The specimen had a total length of 35 cm which was caught at a depth of 60 m off Kollam. The fish belonging to the family Tetraodontidae, has black spots on the upper dorsal side with a green background colour, belly white, silver blotch in front of the eyes and pectoral base black in colour.

Fig. 1a & b. *Lagocephalus sceleratus* landed at Neendakara Fishing Harbour