

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