

Rough triggerfish, *Canthidermis maculata* from Gujarat coast

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A specimen of the Rough triggerfish, *Canthidermis maculata* (Bloch, 1786) was landed by a multiday trawler on 25th November 2015 at Mangrol Fisheries Harbour, Gujarat. The specimen was brownish grey in colour with characteristic white spots all over the body including the head. It measured 309 mm and 256 mm in Total length and Standard length respectively with a weight of 580 g (Fig. 1). The fish is usually found in areas having sandy, muddy or rocky bottoms at a depth range of 50-100 m and is reported from the Western Indian Ocean.

The information collected from the fishermen indicated that the fish was caught from a depth >50 m. The species is considered as inedible and is usually discarded at sea by the fishermen. However,



Fig. 1. *Canthidermis maculata*

there is a recent trend of using balistids for human consumption and export. There is also demand for these fishes in live condition for keeping in marine aquariums.