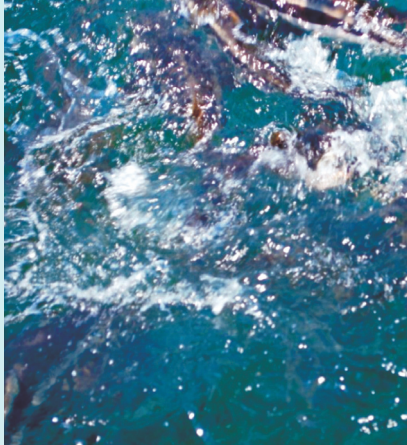


CMFRI introduces open sea farming of Pompano and Cobia at Karwar



Cobia fingerlings in the cage



Pompano feeding on minced oil sardines

Farming of Pompano, *Trachynotus blochi* and Cobia, *Rachycentron canadum* was initiated in open sea cages for the first time by CMFRI at Karwar. 2000 fingerlings of Cobia with an average length of 9cm and 2500 numbers of Pompano with an average length of 5cm was transported from the Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI in October 2011. These seeds were stocked in two 6 meter cages in the marine farm of CMFRI at Karwar. Feeding was initiated on the same day evening by minced sardine meat. Cobia had shown a growth rate of 14 cm in one month where as pompano had grown by 6 cm in one month. No mortality had occurred either in transportation or in the cages. Both species offers immense potential for farming in the coastal waters.