

Spinetail mobula landed in Sasson Dock



The *Mobula mobular*, a large pelagic ray from the Mobulidae family, is widely distributed in tropical and temperate

seas. Known for its distinctive wing-like pectoral fins and elongated spinetail, this species stands out among mobulids. On

October 1st, 2024, during the Fortnightly Fishery observation at Sassoon Dock harbor, a pregnant female *Mobula mobular* (with a disc width of 2280 mm) was documented, incidentally caught by a multiday trawler off Mumbai. While the specimen was being cut by fishermen, an advanced female foetus was found, measuring 452 mm in disc width and weighing 1.850 kg. The foetus displayed dorsal colour pattern, including a crescent-shaped white band between the spiracles, curving forward, and two symmetrical shoulder markings against a dark background. Reports indicate that these white markings fade or vanish after birth. Data on embryo development and birth size for *Mobula mobular* are limited, with only a few recorded instances

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