

Reports on less known fishes occurring in trawl by-catch



Lalmohania velutina

The southwest coast of India is a region of significant marine biodiversity but certain ecosystems remain poorly documented and needs special attention. This report discusses some species collected as part of monitoring and identifying the resources landed in Kozhikode. Filefishes (Monacanthidae:

Tetraodontiformes) are small to medium size fishes with a highly compressed body. Around 23 species are reported from India. Velvet filefish, *Lalmohania velutina* Hutchins, 1994 was described from the Gulf of Mannar, India, and considered to be a species with a restricted distribution range.

However, the species is reported up to Visakhapatnam on the east coast of India, in the northern Bay of Bengal. Specimens were also collected from trawl bycatch at Beypore Fisheries Harbour, Kozhikode extending the known distribution range of *L. velutina* to the west coast of India. .



Parapercis clathrata

Sandperches (Pinguipedidae) are moderate sized benthic fishes occasionally forming a minor fishery along southern India. At least 17 species are known from Indian waters. Latticed sandperch

Parapercis clathrata Ogilby, 1910 is reported from Gulf of Mannar and since then there are no additional regional reports (Kannan *et al*, 2012). This report extends distribution of *Parapercis clathrata*

to the south west coast of India based on trawl bycatch landed at Beypore, Kozhikode.

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