

Giant sea pike caught

A large size giant sea pike (*Sphyraena jello*) (Cuvier) measuring 1.45 m in total length and weighing 25 kg was caught in the hook and line off Vizhinjam. Though small and medium sized *Sphyraena* spp are landed as incidental catches by the hook and line operated by Kattamarans the giant size pike is not usually seen. The specimen landed was auctioned at Rs. 450. According to Day and Munro (1982) the species would grow up to 5' as reported by Shri S. Krishna Pillai, Senior Scientist at Vizhinjam.