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Record of oceanic squid *Thysanoteuthis rhombus* off Maharashtra Coast

A single male specimen of *Thysanoteuthis rhombus* measuring 370 mm in mantle length and weighing 1.80 kg was landed by a trawler at Sassoom docks on 23.01.07.

The fishing was carried out at 60-70 m depth at a distance of 50-60 km off southwest coast towards Malvan.

This species was recorded for the first time from the Indian Ocean by Phillipova (1968). Kasim *et al.* (1998) reported their occurrence from the Gulf of Mannar. A single male

specimen of *T. rhombus* with DML 327 mm was recorded by trawl at Veraval from a depth of about 80 m. These squids were reported from Cochin waters with one of the specimens measuring 620 mm in DML and weighing 7.5kg. The present occurrence of this species is the first record from Maharashtra waters.

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