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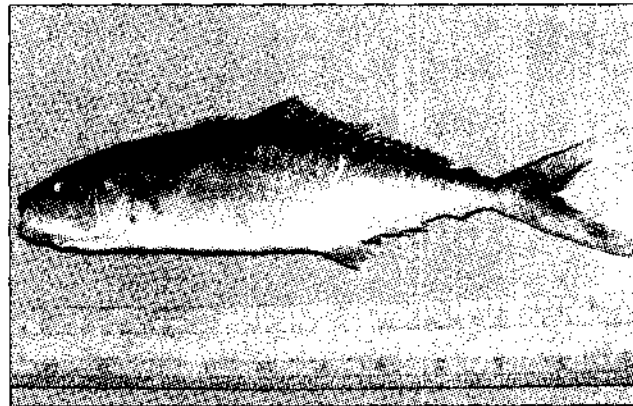
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A rare record of rainbow runner *Elegatis bipinnulata* in trawl catches of Veraval

A small quantity of the carangid rainbow runner *Elegatis bipinnulata* which can easily be mistaken to be a longer mackerel or seer fish was landed on 23.11.2000 at Bhidia trawl landing centre. This species had no scutes on the lateral line, instead had pored scales with rainbow like colour pattern over the body, shape very much resembled to that of *Scomberomorus guttatus*. The posterior soft fin rays of dorsal and anal fin are extended as 2-rayed finlets which is typical to this monotypic genus *Elegatis*. This is an edible pelagic spe-



Elegatis bipinnulata

cies, attains about 120 cm length and is locally called as "Bangli". The samples collected measured 290-430 mm in total length and weighed 190 to 650 gm. The catches were reported from north-west side at a depth of 70/80 mtrs. Probably this is a new entrant to the fishery or there has been some changes in the fish migrations. This is also known to be fished by angling and hooks and line.

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