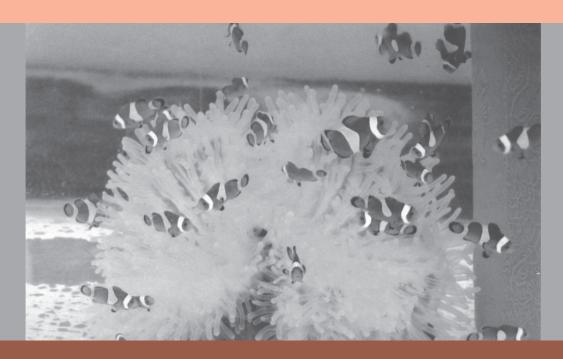
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Manta birostris landed at Tuticorin

On 31.03.2006 one female *Manta birostris* measuring 370 cm in total length 620 cm in breadth and weighing 1550 kg was caught by "singi valai" (a type of bottom set gill net) from a depth of 40 m off Tuticorin and brought to Tuticorin north landing centre.

Prior to the present landing, on four occasions devil rays landings were encountered along Tuticorin Coast and the present one claims the maximum size recorded so far.

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