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**On a giant cobia, *Rachycentron canadum* (Linnaeus, 1766)
landed at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai**

A giant cobia, *Rachycentron canadum* was landed at Sassoon dock, Mumbai on 18.08.2003 by a gill-netter operated at a distance of 25-30 km south west of Mumbai at the depth of 20-25 m.

The species is distributed world wide in warm seas except for the eastern Pacific region. It is pelagic but also found over shallow coral reefs and off rock shores, occasionally enters in estuaries.

The present specimen was 181 cm. in total length and 50.5 kg. in weight.

Detailed morphometric measurements (in cm) of the specimen was as follows:-

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| 1. Total length | - | 181 |
| 2. Standard length | - | 158 |
| 3. Diameter of eye | - | 3 |
| 4. Interorbital space | - | 23 |
| 5. Girth at the origin of dorsal fin | - | 165 |
| 6. Length of caudal along the outer margin | - | 34 |
| 7. Width of mouth | - | 35 |
| 8. Total weight | - | 50.5 kgs. |

The fish was auctioned at the landing centre for Rs. 3,000/-.

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