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Cephalopods form a significant percentage in trawl landings off Maharashtra. With the increased exploitation and expansion of fishing grounds, new records of cephalopods are reported from various places all along the coast.

*Loliolus investigatoris* (Goodrich, 1886) (Fig.1) occur infrequently in trawl catches. The species is processed and exported wholly as 'baby squids' alongwith the catch of juveniles of *Loligo duvacei*. It is considered as a delicacy in European countries and in the United States

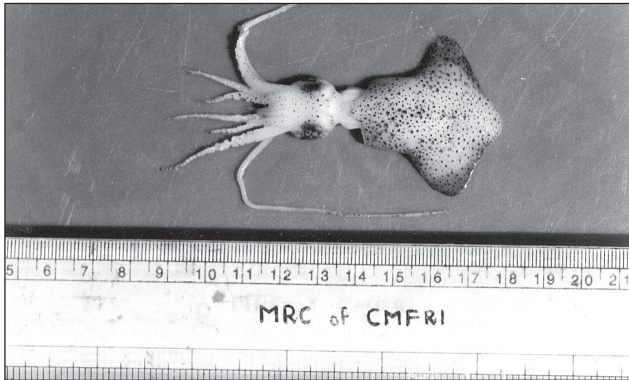


Fig.1 *Loliolus investigatoris* (Goodrich, 1886)

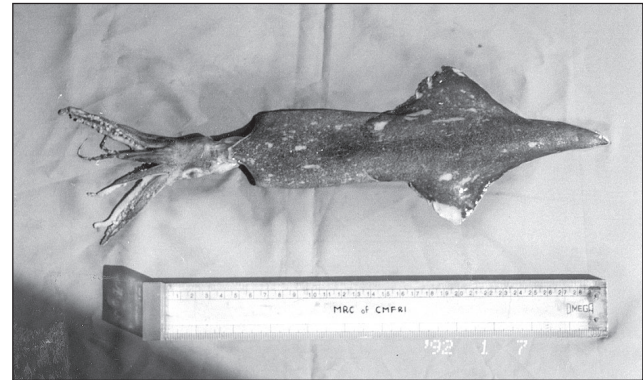


Fig. 2 *Doryteuthis singhalensis* (Ortmann, 1891)

of America. It is consumed whole and used in soups and other recipes. The occurrence of *Doryteuthis*



Fig. 3. *Onychoteuthis baski* (Leach, 1817)

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*singhalensis* is reported for the first time from New Ferry Wharf landing centre at Mumbai. (Fig.2).

*Onychoteuthis baski* (Fig.3) were caught off Mumbai waters by dol netters and also by small trawl netters operating up to a depth of 40m. during March-June . The dorsal mantle length of the specimens ranged from 20 to 35mm. Its occurrence was earlier recorded along the Andaman Nicobar Archipelago from the cruise of FORV *Sagar Sampada* conducted in March-April'1989.

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