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1146 Bumper landing of common dolphin fish *Coryphaena hippurus* at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai

On 29.10.05, an unprecedented twelve tons of common dolphinfish, *Coryphaena hippurus* was landed at Sassoon Dock by gill netters. The catch was made by 22 gill netters on a four day voyage, operating surface drift nets of mesh 80-120 mm upto 40 m depth of Murud, about 100 km south of Mumabi. The fish is sexually dimorphic with mature males having a pronounced bony crest in the frontal portion of the head. The total length of 70 specimen were measured. The size range of males was 736-1435 mm (modal length 935 mm) and length of females 676 –1037 mm (modal length 835 mm). Males formed 65% of the catch, while

females formed 35%. There were no juveniles in the catch. The entire catch was sold to a dealer for Rs.2,40,000/- at the rate of Rs.20/kg. Other commercial species landed along with *C. hippurus* were *Carcharinus limbatus* (0.4t), *Istiophorus platypterus* (0.3 t), *Euthynnus affinis* (0.1 t), *Megalaspis cordyla* (0.1t) and *Auxis thazard* (0.05t).

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