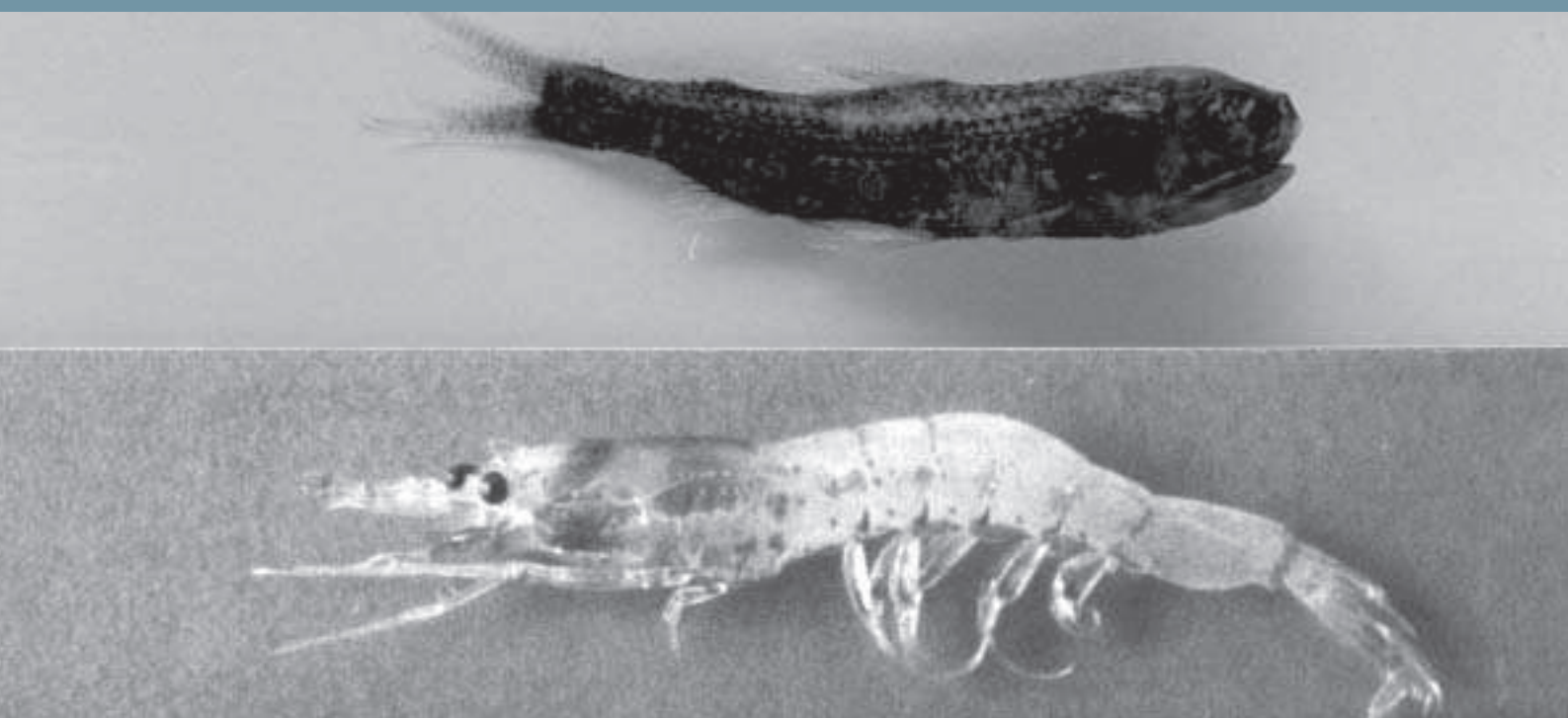




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## On the landing of bowmouth guitar fish *Rhina ancylostoma* at Visakhapatnam Harbour

On 15 July 2004, a small mechanized trawler which operated at a depth of 60 to 90 m landed a guitarfish identified as *Rhina ancylostoma* (Class : Elasmobranchii, Order : Rajiformes, Family : Rhinobatidae) at Vishakhapatnam Harbour. The specimen had the characteristic spiky thorns over the eyes and on the back and shoulders with numerous white spots dorsally on fins, body and tail. The specimen landed is probably immature. The morphometric measurements of the specimen are given below.

Morphometric Characters	Length (mm)	Percentage of the total length
Total length	1300	
Snout to origin of first dorsal	578	44.5
Snout to origin of second dorsal	851	65.5
Snout to anterior end of orbit	136	10.5



*Rhina ancylostoma*

First dorsal base	80	6.1
First dorsal origin to apex	207	15.9
Between dorsal bases	198	15.3
Second dorsal base	70	5.4
Second dorsal origin to apex	162	12.5
Horizontal diameter of orbit	34	2.6
Distance between orbits	122	9.4
Distance between spiracles	119	9.2

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