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ON A LARGE DEVIL RAY LANDED AT KARWAR*

An unusually large Devil ray (Fig. 1) measuring 386 cm in total length and 447 cm in breadth, caught from the inshore waters off southwest of Karwar at 40 m depth by a mechanised gill net boat, was landed at Karwar on 1-12-1987. It was identified as *Manta birostris*, locally known as 'Kombu torke'. The specimen was a female weighing 800 kg and its liver weighed 40 kg. The fish was disposed off for Rs. 500/- at the landing centre.

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Fig. 1. Devil ray (*Manta birostris*) caught at Karwar.

