

The wide prevalence of parasites noticed may be due to changes in the environmental parameters like water temperature, dissolved oxygen, salinity etc., which may have an impact on the survival of

these parasites. The reason for their infestation as well as proliferation and the possible effect on the hosts physiology warrants further detailed studies.

## Unusual landing of *Trachinocephalus myops* by trawlers at Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour

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On 7.11.2008 unusual landings of the lizardfish *Trachinocephalus myops* (bluntnose lizardfish) was recorded at Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour by multiday trawlers. The lizardfish landings at Visakhapatnam Harbour is usually dominated by *Saurida undosquamis* and *Saurida tumbil*. However, other lizardfishes viz., *S. micropectoralis*, *S. longimanus* and *T. myops* are also recorded.

Occurrence of *T. myops* along the coast of Visakhapatnam is seasonal. During the year 2006-'07 the annual average production of *T. myops* was 2.4% of the total lizardfish production at Visakhapatnam. Females ranged in size from 136 to 228 mm and males from 142 to 145 mm in total length.

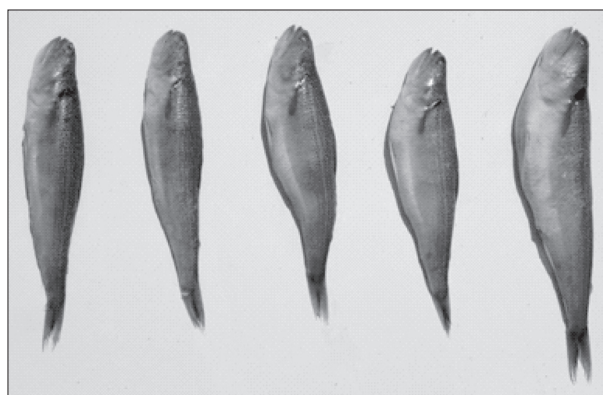


Fig. 1. *Trachinocephalus myops*

## Stranding of a Dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*) at Thalikulam Landing Centre, Thrissur District, Kerala

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A female dolphin, *Stenella longirostris*, was stranded in dead condition near Thalikulam Landing Centre (Thrissur District, Kerala) on 25.04.2009

(Fig. 1). The animal weighed around 80 kg, length of body was 198 cm and it was found in semi-decomposed condition.

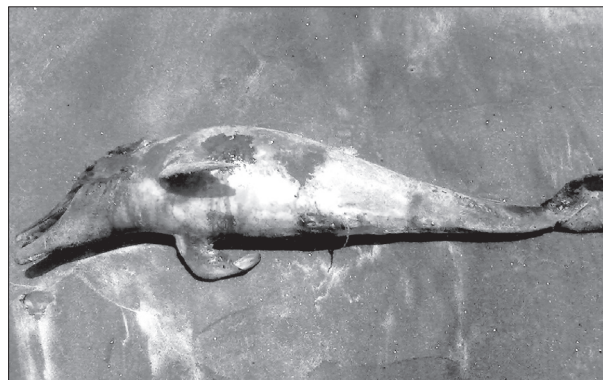


Fig. 1. Dead stranded specimen of *Stenella longirostris* at Thalikulam