

Dolphin landings

A female bottlenose dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus* measuring 225 cm and weighing 160 kg landed at Kakinada on 28 April, as reported by Shri T. Nageswara Rao and Shri B. Venkata Ramana, Kakinada Research Centre. It was caught in bottom set gillnet (Panduvāla) operated by motorised nava (IBM) at about 20 m depth and was sold for Rs. 500/-. The meat is regularly used as bait for hooks and line fishery

which is resulting in good landings of sharks and tunas.

Three numbers of female spinner dolphins *Stenella longirostris* were landed at Lawsons Bay by a fibreglass beach landing craft on 19 April by "Panduvata" (150 mm mesh). The size range was 216-244 cm as reported by Shri S. Satya Rao and Shri S. Chandra sekhar of Visakhapatnam Research Centre.