

# Rare occurrence of ornate eagle ray at Cochin Fisheries Harbour

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A rare ray, *Aetomylaeus vespertilio*, the ornate eagle ray or reticulate eagle ray was landed at Cochin Fisheries Harbour on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 by

a gillnetter operating both drift gillnet and hooks and line (Fig. 1 a and b). The ray was caught by drift gillnet operating at a depth of 200 m. The width of



Fig.1a and b. *Aetomylaeus vespertilio* landed at Cochin Fisheries Harbour

the disc was 190 cm and the total length including the tail was 4 m with the tail exceptionally long, over six times the length of the body. The

approximate weight of the ray was 110 kg. This ray is included in the IUCN Red List as endangered species.