

Honeycomb stingrays (*Himantura uarnak*) washed ashore at Uran coast in Maharashtra

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About 50 to 55 numbers of the honeycomb stingray, *Himantura uarnak* (Fig.1) were washed ashore at Mankeshwar beach near Uran coast in Raigad District of Maharashtra on 21st August 2010. These fishes were about 4 feet long and about 3 feet in disc width.

Local fishermen informed that this kind of unusual stranding is observed for the first time at this place and they feel that it might have occurred due to oil spill, leakage of pesticide and chemicals after the collision of two ships near Mumbai coast on 7th August, 2010.



Fig.1. *Himantura uarnak* stranded at Uran coast, Maharashtra