

Record size black marlin, *Makaira indica* (Cuvier, 1832) landed at Bhimilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh

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A gigantic black marlin, *Makaira indica* measuring 4.3 m in length and weighing around 450 kg was

landed at Bhimilipatnam beach landing centre and brought to Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour on

12th December, 2012 for auction (Fig. 1 and 2) . The fish was caught in FRP outboard motorised craft



Fig. 1. Large sized black marlin landed at Bhimilipatnam

operating hooks and lines. The fishing ground was north off Visakhapatnam. Biological investigations revealed the marlin to be a male with stomach in half full condition. The fish was auctioned for a price of ₹ 35,000/-



Fig. 2. Black marlin being cut in to pieces for easy transportation to Chennai market