
Report of *Thyrsitoides marleyi* from south eastern Arabian Sea, India



A single specimen of Black sail snake mackerel *Thyrsitoides marleyi* having 121 cm total length (TL) was found in the landings of a multiday trawler on 10/09/2021 at Munambam Fisheries Harbour, Kochi, Kerala. The trawl had reportedly fished at a depth of 80-100

metres in area 90-100 nautical mile north -west of Munambam Fisheries Harbour. The family Gempylidae which includes the Black sail snake mackerel comprises of 16 genera and 26 species widely distributed in tropical and subtropical waters. Also known as the

Black snoek, it is found in the Indo-Pacific from Red Sea to Australia, preferring slopes on sea mounts and ridges.

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