

## Unusual landings of the deep-sea lobster, *Palinustus waguensis* in Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour

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Unusual landing of Deepsea lobster *Palinustus waguensis* was observed at Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour at Kollam on 15.01.2019 along with the catch of deep-sea shrimps. An estimated catch of 100 kg of *P.waguensis* was landed in multiday shrimp trawls operated at a depth of 200-250 m, during the first two weeks of January 2019. Since the inception of deepsea shrimp landings, this species was observed in stray numbers

and this is the first time a landing of this magnitude was observed. The lobster was sold in local market @ 150-200 per kg for domestic consumers. Distribution of this species is reported in the Indo-west pacific region (India, Thailand, Philippines, Japan) at a depth range of 100 to 180 m. The lobsters randomly sampled ranged from 81 to 154 mm each in total length and having 15.3 to 75.7 grams weigh



Fig. 1. *Palinustus waguensis* landings from Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour