

Yellowfin tuna, *Thunnus albacares* (Bonnaterre, 1788) caught during drift Gill net operation on board FSI vessel MFV Yellowfin

FSI, Mormugao: The vessel MFV Yellowfin was deployed for exploratory fishery resources survey using Drift Gill Net (mesh size =110mm) during the month of January 2023 in the South west coast along with Marine Mammal Survey. On 26-01-2023 at Lat- 09 56.64 N Long -75 00.06 E while operating Gill net 3 nos of Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) was wedged. The specimens were ranging from 54 -56 cm and weighed 1.2- 2 kg respectively. All the three specimens were males. Very narrow and thin gonads indicated the first stage maturity of the specimen. The gut was empty without any traces of food items.



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