

# Seasonal ginger prawn fishery in Gulf of Kutch

Fishing for the ginger prawn (*Metapenaeus kutchensis* George, George and Rao, 1963), a seasonal fishery, started towards the end of July, 2010 in various places such as Madherki, Tikker and Chera of Soorajbari district adjacent to the Little Rann of Kutch in the Gulf of Kutch region of Gujarat. The team of scientist and technical staff of the centre made periodic visits to these centres during fishing season and collected hydrographic and fishery data. The fishing season starts towards the end of July every year when the creeks and adjoining areas of the Little Rann of Kutch get flooded by the south-west monsoon rains and lasts until these places are dried up in October. The fishery was better compared to the previous year and in Tikker and Surajbari (Chera) 630 tons of prawns valued at Rs 5.3 crores 840 t valued at Rs 5.88 crore respectively were fished within a period of 2 months. The constraints and advantages of the fishery are being studied by the centre.