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Unusual landing of *Sardinella longiceps* at Pamban in Ramanathapuram district, Tamil Nadu

On 09-05-2007, 1000 kg of *Sardinella longiceps* was landed in a single unit of Choodai Valai (Sardine gillnet), operated near Thangachimadam, in Palk Bay, at a depth of 10 meters. The net was operated from a Vallam fitted with an inboard engine, at a distance of 5 km. from the shore, with the help of 3 persons. The length of *S. longiceps* landed ranged from 11 - 17.5 cm with a modal length of 12-13 cm. 50% of the specimens belonged to the length range of 12 - 13 cm. On an average one fish weighed 9 gms.

Out of 40 units of Choodai valai landed on 09-05-2007, heavy landing of *S. longiceps* was noticed in 4 units and in these 4 units, the other sardines contributed only negligible proportions. In the rest of the sardine gillnet units, the species composition comprised mainly of the usual catches of *Sardinella gibbosa*, *S. albella*, *S. longiceps*, *Upeneus spp.*, *Pellona ditchela*, *Thryssa spp.*, *Stolephorus commersoni*, *Dussumieria acuta*, and *Sphyaena obtusata*; of which *S. gibbosa* and *S. albella* together contributed about 95%.

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CMFRI proposes to conduct a national level certificate course of 3 months duration in 'Marine Fisheries Management'. Eligibility : Science graduates with working knowledge in English. Fees : Rs. 15000/-. Hostel accommodation will be provided by CMFRI. The first batch is envisaged to commence during the first week of August 2008.