Unusual landings of the prawn, *Penaeus merguiensis* by gillnetters at Jangira Murad, Maharashtra*

Unusual landings of the prawn, *Penaeus merguiensis* caught in gillnet (d’isco jai) were observed at Rajpuri, Dighi, Murad and Nadgoan landing centres during 14-9-95 to 17-9-95. The IBM fishing units were operated at Rajara, creek backwaters of Murad-Jangira shore. Catch details collected from the centres revealed that during the four days maximum catch of 294 kg was recorded from Rajpara, followed by 173 kg from Dighi. Observations indicated that an estimated total of 620 kg of *P. merguiensis* were landed which is unusual as far as the prawn fishery of this region is concerned.

The price of *P. merguiensis* at the centres ranged between Rs. 200 and 250 per kg comprising about 22 to 30 specimens per kg.

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