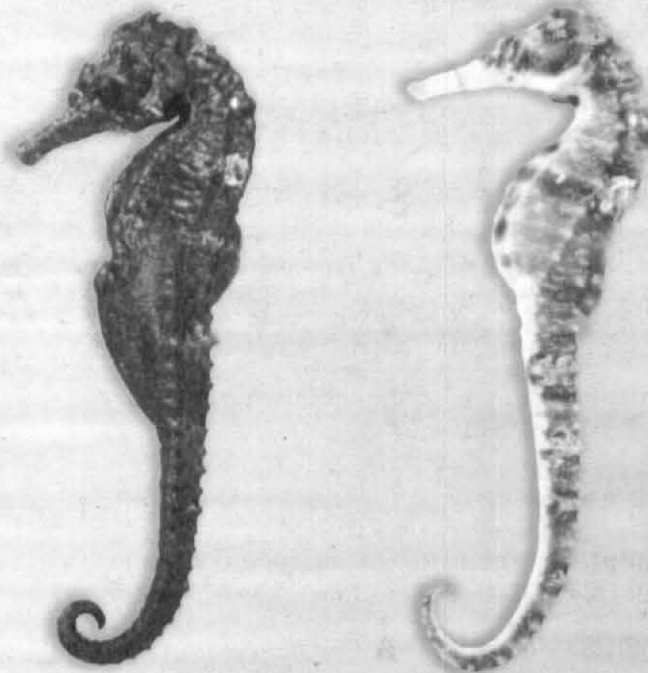




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A note on jelly fish collection - An alternate source of income to the east coast fishermen

Seasonal abundance of jelly fish in the east coast is one of the valuable raw materials for the food processing and exports industries. The vast resources of the same have been properly utilized by the east coast fishermen and export enterprises in the recent years. By virtue of its export potential fishermen of this locality give pri-

ority to collect jelly fishes than regular fishing activities. It provides income and additional employment opportunities to the fishermen by way of cleaning and processing. The processing industries are functioning in the fishing villages such as Nadukuppam, Anichankuppam, Mudaliarkuppam, Chettinagar, Anumandaikuppam,



Processing of jelly fish



Processed jelly fish

Name of the fishing village	Allotted Quantity (in numbers)	rate /jelly fish	Man power/ unit
Nadukuppam	1200	Rs.0.80 (only umbrella)	5
Anichankuppam	1600	Rs.1.10	5
Mudaliarkuppam	1600	Rs.1.05	5
Chettinagar	1050	Rs.1.10	4
Komuttichavadikuppam	840	Rs.1.10	4
Eggikuppam	730	Rs.1.10	5

Komuttichavadikuppam, Pudurkuppam, Eggikuppam since September 2001.

Depending upon the processing capacity of the industry and availability of labour, the panchayat authorities will make decisions to allocate their village's fishing unit as given above in order to

collect the maximum number of jelly fish. After deducting the fuel charges and the 3% village share, the net income was equally divided among the craft owners and labourers in 1:1 ratio.

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