

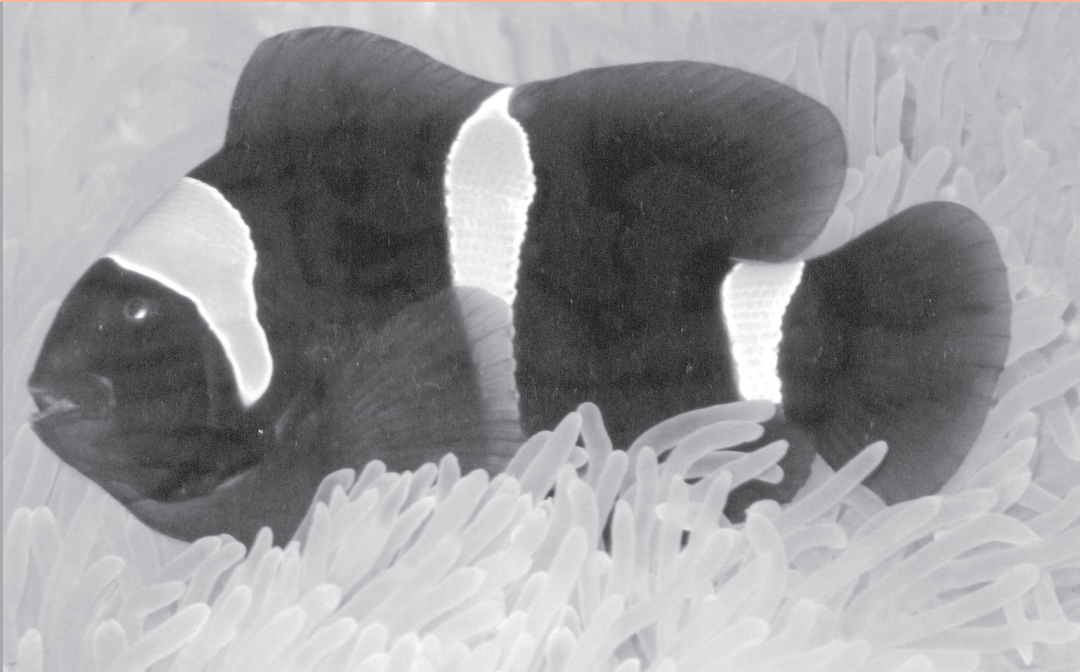
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**Unusual landings of live gastropod
Babylonia spirata along the coast of Pulicat**

There was an unusual fishery of *Babylonia spirata* along the Pulicat coast during Febru-

ary - March 2006.

The estimated landing was 78.5 t. Fibre glass

boats fitted with outboard engine using *Navara valai* was used for fishing. The catch was sold at the rate of Rs. 55/- kg.

As a conservative measure, the village Panchayat imposed a ban on this fishery as bulk removal of this particular gastropod re-

source might result in the decline in the fishery of not only gastropods but also other finfish resources too in the habitat.

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