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Bumper landing of giant sea catfish *Arius thalassinus* by purse seiners at Malpe Fisheries Harbour, Karnataka

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Catfishes being landed at
Malpe fisheries harbour.

The fishing season resumed on 11th August 2008 after 57 days ban for mechanized fishing with an encouraging note of good fishing along the coast. On 25.08.2008, bumper landing of catfishes were observed at the Malpe harbour by purse seiners. Heavy landings of catfishes were observed in 1980's after which catch showed a sharp decline raising

concern about extinction of the species along the coast. On 25th August 2008, three purse seiners in Malpe caught about 59 t of catfishes in a single day operation. The depth of operation was about 54 m. The size ranged from 97-122 mm and the majority of the fishes were mature. The catfishes were sold at the rate of Rs. 20-30 per kg which was procured for sale in Maharashtra market.