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Unusual landing of silver pomfret, *Pampus argenteus* by karli dol net at Bassein Kolliwada (Vasai) landing centre, Thane district, Maharashtra

Post monsoon fishing from 10th June to 15th August is a very important period for the silver pomfret *Pampus argenteus* in traditional Karli dol net fishery at Bassein Kolliwada landing centre in Thane district, Maharashtra. Major fishery of August to November is concentrated on pomfret as it fetches good returns.

Three dol netters landed unusual catch of silver pomfret from a depth of 40m at Bassein Kolliwada on 27-8-2003. Mesh size of net was 60-80 mm. The major catch was silver pomfret (89.51%) followed by *P. chinensis*, *Parastromateus niger*, seerfish, sharks, *Chirocentrus dorab*, catfish and Kati (*Pellona* spp.) which constituted 8-10% of the total landings. The total catch of silver pomfret was estimated at 7915 kg and generated a total income of Rs. 11 lakhs. The size *P. argenteus* ranged from 80-309 mm with modes at 185,245mm.

Price of pomfrets varies according to the grades based on weight. The following were the prices prevailing for different grades at the centre during August 2003.

Sr.No.	Grades	Weight range (gms.)	Price / kg.
1.	Super Pomfret	Above 510	Rs. 350/-
2.	No.1 Pomfret	410-509	Rs. 250/-
3.	No.2 Pomfret	310-409	Rs. 215/-
4.	No.3 Pomfret	210-309	Rs. 150/-
5.	No.4 Pomfret	110-209	Rs. 80/-

The fishermen concentrate more on the super pomfret as it fetches good income and has international demand.

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