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A Neptunid Shrimp in Trawl Catches at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai

Parapenaeus fiscarii Bate is known as Neptune rose shrimp. It is reported from depths of 50 m or more (Holthuis, 1980). It was found to be present at Sassoon dock, Mumbai in trawl catches along with regard flamingo shrimp P. longipes Alcock. It is reported for the first time along Maharashtra coast and is an addition to the list of prawns given by Kunju (1967).

Though now found only in few numbers, the fishery for the same cannot be ruled out taking into account the occurrence of other penaeids like P. longipes reported in numbers by developing into fishery later (Aravindakshan & Karbhar 1983).

The specimens on hand measured a maximum of 75 mm for females though reported to grow to sizes ranging 120 to 140 mm (Holthuis, 1980). The species is distinguishable from P. longipes in the presence of brachioptegal spine which is lacking in P. longipes. The related P. investigatensis Alcock is a deeper water form to be fished by country craft trawlers. It is also different in the relative lengths of 5th and 6th abdominal segments as given by George, 1969. A commercial potential for this has been pointed out off Madagascar coast (Holthuis op cit) and the same may be true for northwest coast of India as well.

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International Aquaculture Body in the Offing

The seed for the formation of an International Aquaculture Body probably in the form of Federation was sown during the World Aquaculture Conference in Seattle, USA, held in February 1997. The ground work in this regard was laid by 56 representatives from 12 countries, of whom Japan, Indonesia, India and Thailand, besides those from Latin America, USA and other countries. The main objective of the global body will be to promote the culture of high-quality Aquaculture products.

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