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947 On the unusual landing of pomfret at muthuvaduganathanpattinam along Palk Bay

On 22-02-2000 while collecting fishery survey data, about a tonne of pomfret (Pampus argenteus) was landed at Muthuvaduganathanpattinam fish landing centre. On the day, a total of about 90 trawlers were operated among which the pomfret catch was observed in 60% of the units. The catch varied from 3-50 kg with an average of 17 kg. They were caught at a distance of 20 km in the east direction from the shore and at a depth of 13 m. This is an unusual phenomenon and so far there was no landings of pomfret in such magnitude at this fish landing centre. The length of the specimen ranged from 15-20 cm and weighed 250-800 g. The price fetched was Rs.100.00 per kg.

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