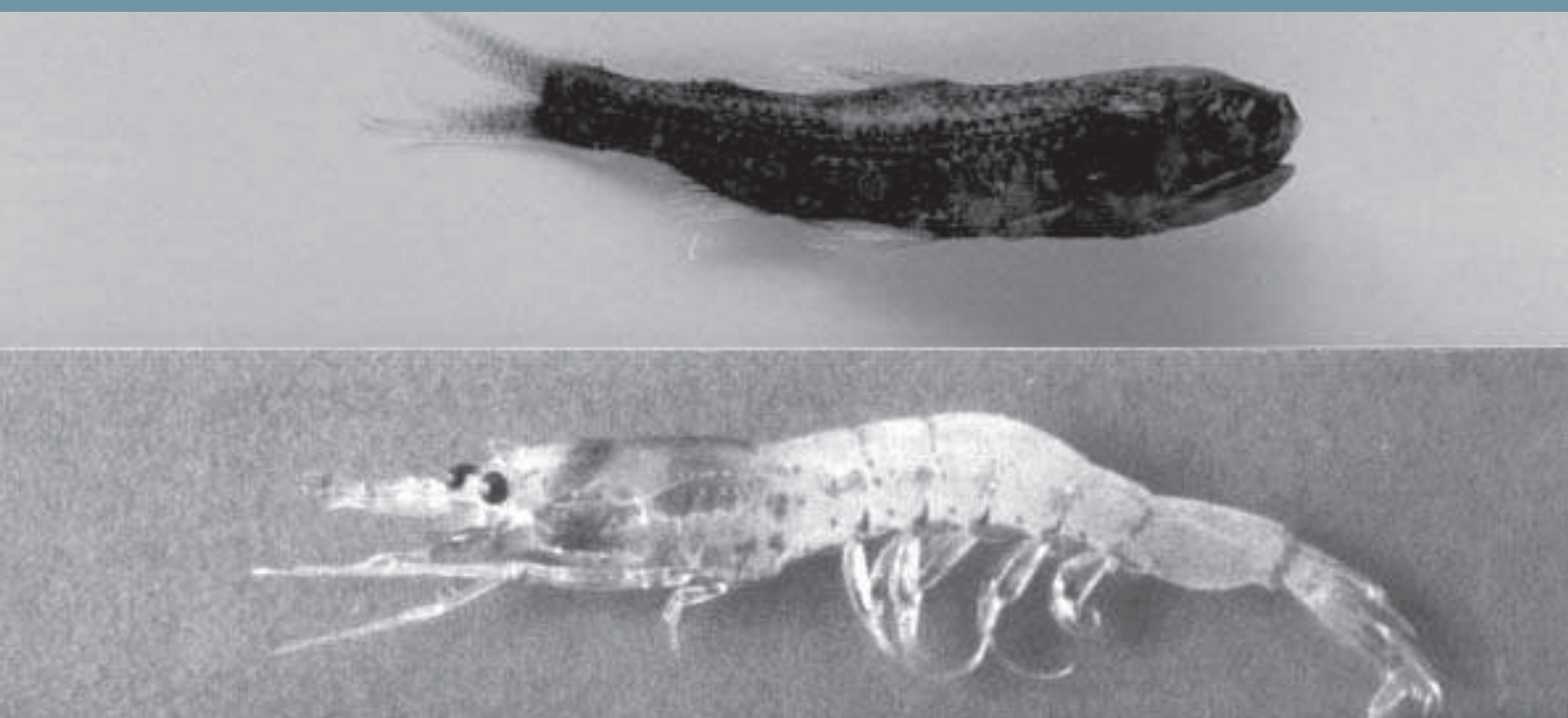




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On 06-11-2003 two finless porpoises *Neophocaena phocaenoides* were caught by purseseine and landed at Malpe Fishing Harbour. One of the specimen was male (length 138.5 cm, weight 34 kg) and the other female (length 130.5 cm, weight 29 kg) The porpoise is locally called 'Kadalpanji' in Tulu and 'Kadalalahandhi' in Kannada. Both the animals were auctioned for Rs. 660.

Enquiries with the purseseiner which brought the porposies, revealed that they were caught from a depth of 15 m along with the catch of sardine, mackerel and rainbow sardine. The mesh size of the purseseine was 18 mm.

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