The traditional and mechanised marine fishing units along Jamnagar and Rajkot districts, Gujarat

The coastal Jamnagar and Rajkot districts contribute a sizable share in the marine fish landings of Gujarat employing both traditional and mechanised fishing units of which the non-mechanised units comprise about 66%. The trend in the number of non-mechanised fishing units of the two districts during the period 1987 to 1997 (Fig. 1) indicates that yearly an average of 1,000 units were operated. No drastic year to year fluctuations could be noted in the number of units, but the number was all time high in 1997.

Remarkable year to year increase was noted in the case of mechanised units of the two districts during the same period (Fig. 2). More units were added especially from 1988. A total of 979 mechanised boats operated in 1997 along Jamnagar and Rajkot districts.

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Fig. 1. Non-Mechanised units at Jamnagar and Rajkot Districts (1984-'97)

Fig. 2. Mechanised units at Jamnagar and Rajkot Districts (1984-'97)