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838 MAJOR AND MINOR FISHERIES HARBOURS OF INDIA 4. JETTY FOR FISHING BOATS AT MANDAPAM ALONG GULF OF MANNAR COAST

The Mandapam fish landing centre on the Guif of Mannar side is a medium one. The jetty was constructed by the erstwhile Indo-Norwegean Project for the berthing of its boats (Fig. 1). Only departmental boats are berthed at present at the jetty. The fishing trawlers are berthed at some distance away from the jetty. About 100 trawlers are operated from here. Fishing is conducted seasonally from October to March every year, after which all the boats will be shifted to the landing centre on the Palk Bay side. Shrimp trawl-net and fish trawl-net are the gears being operated. The fishermen set out for fishing in the mechanised boats in the evening and return to the landing centre by next day morning. Fishing is conducted on all the days except Friday. There is one processing factory located in the harbour. Three processing factories and three ice plants are located in the vicinity of the landing centre. Iced fishes are purchased by local fish merchants and sent to different parts of Tamil Nadu. Spoiled sardines, silverbellis, *Apogon* and

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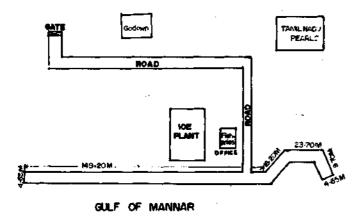


Fig. 1. Lay out of the fisheries jetty at Mandapam.

Oratosquilla nepa are sundried and sent for making fish meal at Namakkal in Tamil Nadu and in some parts of Andhra Pradesh.