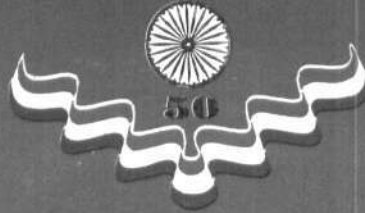


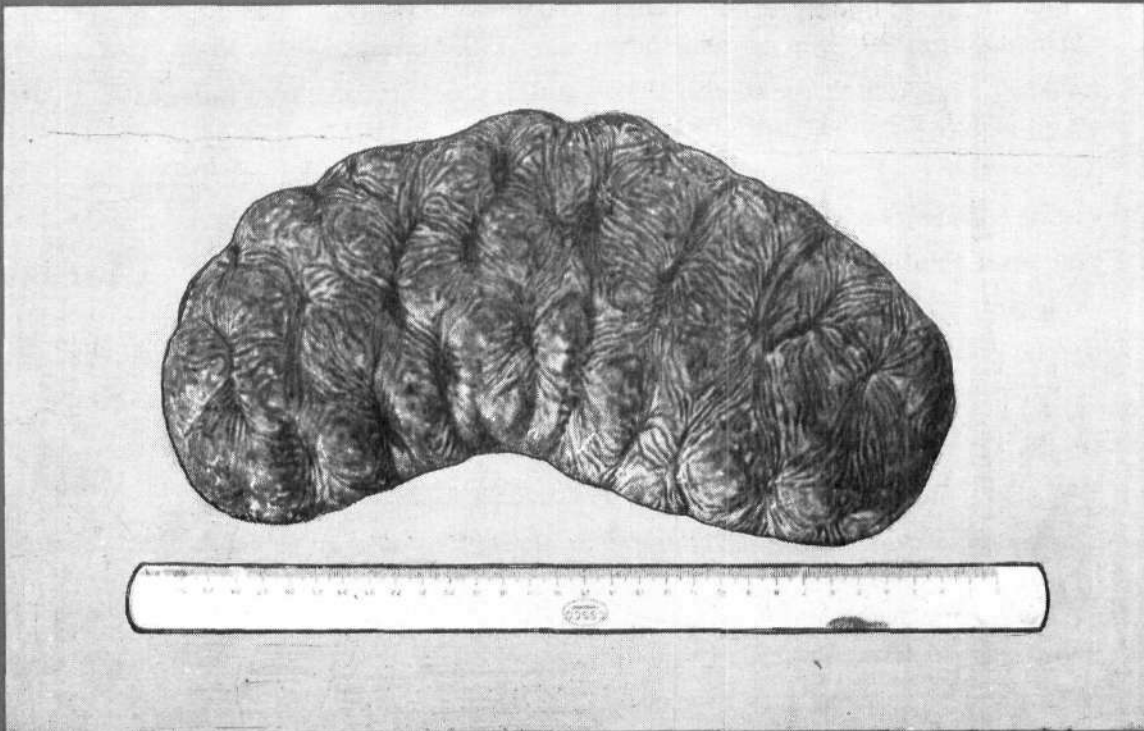


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892 On the recent cyclone lashed across Gujarat coast and its effect on marine fisheries sector

A heavy cyclonic wind crossed the coastal Gujarat on 9-6-'98 resulting in the destruction of life and property besides total disruptions of communication, electricity and water supply systems. The present report summarises the effect of this cyclone on the marine fishery sector of coastal Gujarat.

Districts	No. of landing centres affected	No. of fishing crafts damaged	Loss of fishermen lives	No. of fishermen missing	Total Loss (in crores of rupees)
Junagadh	11	1,300	29	19	800.00
Amreli	2	A few damaged	3	--	--
Jamnagar	14	36	9	19	4.4
Rajkot	4	A few damaged	9	--	0.9

The coastal districts affected mostly were Junagadh, Amreli, Jamnagar and Rajkot and the details of the loss of the marine fisheries sector in those districts are as follows.

Maximum number of fishing craft lost or damaged was from Porbander Centre which happened to be the worst hit area where the total estimated loss was Rs. 800 crores. It was reported that a Norwegian Steamer anchored off the port was washed ashore due to cyclonic wind from which 23 crew members were rescued. No serious calamities were reported at Veraval Port due to timely warning issued by the port authorities. Loss / damage of fishing gear was not much excepting a few centres of Junagadh district. Fifty fishermen were reported to have lost their lives while 38 missing.

Besides the above losses, roads in most of the landing centres were completely damaged. The fish auction halls and landing jetties at a few centres were also badly destroyed.

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