On the incidental heavy catch of prawns and mackerels at two landing centres along Raigad District, Maharashtra

An unusual heavy catch of the banana prawn, *Penaeus merguiensis* was landed at Khamde landing centre on 10-4-'97 landed by the gill net locally called *Daran jal*. Nine gill nets operated from the dug-out canoes. *Wahan hodi* in the Rajpuni creek at a depth of 4-5 m landed a total of 304 kg of *P. merguiensis* which fetched a price of Rs. 35/- per kg.

An incidental bumber landing of the mackerel *Rastrelliger kanagurta* was observed at Bhardkhol Diveager landing centre on 14-4-'97 during the afternoon hours. 160 gill net units locally called *Budyal* operated 15 km off the coast at a depth range of 20-25 m landed an average of 250 kg of mackerels. An estimated total of 35 t of mackerels were landed during the day and was sold at a rate of Rs. 8/- per kg.

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