antennae and legs possessed white bands. This is the first report of *P. waguensis* in indigenous gears from Indian waters. *P. waguensis* is distributed along Indo-west Pacific region, Honshu island, Japan, Thailand, south west India and Andamans. They have edible and ornamental value. In Japan, these lobsters which form sporadic catch are often sold to the public aquaria.

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wise estimates of marine fish landing from 1985-2004 in India and the coastal states, namely, West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, UT of Pondicherry, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat. For each of the states, the annual resource wise landings for the twenty-year period from 1985-2004 together with landings in each quarter of the year (Calendar month based) are provided. Suggested reading material is given that contains references to sources of data earlier to 1985.

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