FISHTREND

at major mechanised centres

National Marine Living Resources
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INTRODUCTION

During the last two decades the marine fish landings in India by the mechanised sector have been steadily increasing. Presently, they form about 60% of the total landings. Almost half of the catches from mechanised boats are landed in some of the major landing centres such as Veraval, Sassoon dock, Cochin Fisheries Harbour, Sekthikulangara, Rameswaram, Pudumanaikuppam and Waltair. It is felt that timely monitoring of the landings at the major centres, where there are heavy concentration of mechanised boats, would be useful to Central and State government departments, industry and other agencies concerned with marine fisheries. Keeping this objective in view the 'Fishtrend', a monthly bulletin depicting trends of marine fish landings by small mechanised boats (less than 17.3 m) at important landing centres, is being issued by the National Marine Living Resources Data Centre of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute. In the first issue of this bulletin, graphical representation of estimates of fish landings for January 1983 along with the monthly figures for 1982 in respect of ten centres is given. Figures for 1983 are, however, provisional. It is proposed to widen the scope of 'Fishtrend' to take in additional centres and a larger coverage of the mechanised sector including the larger trawling vessels in due course. We hope that the 'Fishtrend' will be a useful information base for Government departments, the fishing industry and other concerned agencies.

A KEY

The monthly values, presented as symbols—a different symbol for each group or species as shown in the figures—and connected by unbroken lines are for the current year and broken lines for the previous year; these two being given together for the sake of comparison. However, in the figures for the month of January, since there can be only single values for the current year and the connecting lines absent; the symbols may have to be looked for. Also, wherever the values for the corresponding months coincide, the symbols for the current year, being superimposed on those of the previous year, will have to be carefully discerned.

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COCHIN FISHERIES HARBOUR
(Trawlnet, gillnet, purse seine, hooks-and-lines)

QUILON (SAKTHIKULANGARA)
(Trawlnet, gillnet)
MANDAPAM
(Trawinet)

TOTAL

LANDINGS IN '00 TONES

RAMESWARARAM
(Trawinet)

TOTAL

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$ Penaeid Prawns  △ Silverbellies

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