

An Unusual Catch of Catfish at Nagapatnam

On 5th October, trawlermen working along the coast of Nagapatnam brought news of sitting large shoals of catfish (*Arius* sp.) 5 kilometres away from shore. Wasting no time, katamaran fishermen of Keechakuppam set out to the spot with their bagnets, 'Isuvalai'. They bagged about 31,000 kg of fish just in two days, after which the fishery ended as abruptly as began. The catch, consisting of fish of 4 kg average weight, were soon sold out at a handsome price. According to Shri. K. S. Krishnan, Technical Assistant, who reported the incident, such large shoals of *Arius* appear very infrequently along this coast; the last record being 7 or 8 years before.