were ranched in 7 m² area in the Ashtamudi lake in February 1994. The density at release was 3333 nos/m². These were harvested on 7 June 1994 and 1600 clams were retrieved at the rate of about 8 per cent. They have grown to 32.75 mm with an average shell-on weight of 7.8 g in 15 weeks. The production rate worked out to 12.5 kg/7 m² in 15 weeks.

**Catfish reappeared in Dakshina Kannada Coast**

After a gap of several years catfish reappeared in Malpe during September, 1994. Three purse seiners together landed three tonnes of catfish Tachysurus serratus (90 per cent) and T. dussumieri (10 per cent). These were sold at an average rate of Rs 105 per fish and a total amount of Rs 45,150 was realised. Landing of 24.5 tonnes of catfish was also recorded from Malpe during the same period as reported by S/Shri S. Kemparaju, B. Sreedhara, H. S. Mahadevaswamy and P. U. Zacharia of Mangalore Research Centre of CMFRI.

**Training programme on hatchery production of marine prawn seed**

A 15-day training programme on hatchery production of marine prawn seed, organised by KVK, in association with Crustacean Fisheries Division was conducted at the Mandapam Regional Centre from 1-15 July 1994. Seven trainees from various maritime states attended the training programme. Participants were imparted practical training in collection of spawners and their transport, spawning, egg and nauplii count, identification of larval stages, larval rearing, management, maintenance of algal culture, preparation of artificial feed and larval diseases and their control.

**Training programme on sampling design**

A ten-day training programme on Sampling Design followed by CMFRI for the estimation of exploited marine fish landings was conducted at Cochin from 14 November 1994. Six development Officials from the maritime states of Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala and Pondicherry participated in the programme.

**POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN MARICULTURE**

**Degree Awarded**

Shri Bikas Chandra Mohapatra, Former Research Fellow was awarded Ph.D degree by the Cochin University of Science and Technology for his thesis entitled Effect of some heavy metals copper, zinc, and lead on certain tis-

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participating in the net making programme sponsored by NABARD, training of women from prawn farming households in scientific prawn farming under the programme sponsored by the Kerala State Women's Development Corporation and BFFDA and group discussion with marine fishermen to identify areas for developing extension programmes.