

## Heavy landings of some fishery resources reported from Gujarat

Unusually heavy landings of Koth (*Otolithoides biauritus*) and Ghol (*Protonibea diacanthus*) amounting to 10000 tons were recorded at Vanakbara Diu during September which was several times more when compared to the previous years.



**Stacked catch of Koth and Ghol at Diu**

At this centre there has been a tremendous increase in catch of silver pomfret (*Pampus argenteus*) for the last two years. The recorded catch during September was 1000 tons which was very high



**Catch of silver Pomfrets at Diu**

than the previous years. Pomfrets fetch Rs. 250-400/kg depending on the quality and weight. The fish from Vanakbara, Diu was sent for processing to the factories at

Veraval and Mumbai from where they are exported fetching huge amount of foreign money.

The total catch of lobsters (especially *Panulirus polyphagus*) recorded at Okha and Rupenbander was 500 tons with an average catch of 50-100 kg/ boat. Their price ranged from Rs. 600-800/kg depending on their size. This was the first



**Catch of spiny lobsters at Okha**

time in the last two decades that such huge landings of lobsters were recorded from Okha and Rupenbander. The lobsters are

locally processed by boiling after which they are sent by rail to factories in Mumbai or by road to factories in Porbander, Mangrol and Veraval. *(Veraval Regional Centre)*