October 2007. The cage was of 3 m diameter and 4 m depth which was floated with the help of a wooden raft. The juveniles of *Caranx sexfasciatus* having an average length of 70 mm and weighing 9 g were stocked in the cages.

(Vizhinjam Research Centre)

**New additions to the Marine Aquarium at Vizhinjam**

The blunt-horn lobster, *Palinustus waguensis* Kubo, 1963 collected from Vizhinjam waters has been added to the collections of Marine Aquarium at Vizhinjam.

(Vizhinjam Research Centre)

**Heavy landings of Silver pomfret at Okha**

At Okha, about 500-600 t of silver pomfrets *Pampus argenteus* was landed by the trawlers and gillnetters during October-November, 2007. The average catch per boat ranged between 200-500 kg. The cost of pomfret was Rs. 250-400/- per kg depending on the size and weight. The fish was transported to the processing plants at Veraval and Mumbai from where they were exported.

(Veraval Regional Centre)

**Flourishing trade on the air bladder of eels, catfishes, Ghol and Koth at Okha, Gujarat**

At Okha, an established trade on the airbladder of fishes has been functioning. The swim bladders of Ghol, Koth, and eels are of the best qualities available and fetch very high market price owing to the huge export demand. Fish air bladders is mainly used for making Isinglass. The bladder of eel after extraction is immersed in chemical solution overnight to improve its colour and texture. In the case of Ghol, Koth and catfishes, the air bladder is trimmed before immersion. On removal from the solution, the airbladder of eel is inflated by blowing air into it and dried over raised bamboo platforms whereas others are dried as such. The processed airbladders of marine eels are used for making Isinglass.