**Pinctada margaritifera** broodstock developed at CMFRI, Visakhapatnam

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Broodstock of *Pinctada margaritifera* has been successfully developed in the marine hatchery at the Visakhapatnam Regional Centre of CMFRI. Five successful spawnings were achieved in the hatchery. However, due to high temperature and salinity fluctuations, larval rearing could not be completed. Successful spat settlement was achieved in the 3rd larval cycle. Spats collected from Lawson’s Bay were reared in the hatchery and the broodstock developed within a period of 18 months.

**Unusual landing of deepsea lobster *Palinustus waguensis* at Cuddalore**

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Deepsea blunt horn lobster, *Palinustus waguensis* Kubo, 1963 was landed by bottom set gillnets operated at Cuddalore during July 2011. Their occurrence has been reported earlier in the deepsea trawl landings at Kasimedu, Chennai. The size range of the specimens collected alive, was 40-52 mm and the specimens collected were all males. Anterior margin of carapace and inner margin of frontal horns bore several distinct spines, characteristic of the species. The animals responded when fed on wedge clams and remained hidden under rocks and corners.

**Juvenile black pomfrets landed at Chennai**

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Unusually heavy landings (1-2.5 t) of juveniles of the black pomfret *Parastromateus niger*, locally called as “karuppu vowal” was landed by mechanised trawlers at Chennai Fisheries Harbour during the period from June to August 2011. The length range was 90-144 mm with modal length at 110-114 mm and mean length of 113.2 mm. The juveniles were sold locally at the rate of ₹ 30-35 per kg.