Unusual landing of ghol, *Protonibea diacanthus* by purse seine operation at Rewas-Bodni landing centre in Raigad District, Maharashtra

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On 2nd January 2013, about 20 tonnes of ghol, *Protonibea diacanthus* were landed by a purse seiner (99.27 HP) at Rewas-Bodni landing centre in Raigad District (Fig. 1a & b). It was a single day operation with 12 crew members. The fishing ground was at 30 – 40 m depth north-west off the landing centre. The catch comprised 1190 fishes in the weight range of 15 - 18 kg and length 120 – 150 cm. The catch was sold at Sassoon Docks, Mumbai and fetched ₹ 3.45 crores.

*Fig. 1a & b. Protonibea diacanthus landed by purse seiner at Rewas-Bodni landing centre*

Heavy landing of *Sardinella longiceps* and *Sardinella fimbriata* at Rajiwada landing centre, Ratnagiri

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On 5th April 2011, bumper landings of *Sardinella longiceps* and *Sardinella fimbriata* were recorded at Rajiwada landing centre in Ratnagiri. The cantch were landed by mini purse seines operated from two crafts with outboard engine (COB) (Fig. 1 and 2), which normally land around 25 – 200 kg of sardines. The details of catch landed by the two COB’s on 5th April 2011 are given in Table 1.

*Fig. 1. COB 1 loaded with Sardinella longiceps and Sardinella fimbriata*