

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 Rajwada landing centre in Ratnagiri. The catch 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*



Fig. 2. COB 2 loaded with *Sardinella longiceps* and *Sardinella fimbriata*

Table 1. Details of landings by the two vessels at Rajwada landing centre on 5th April 2011

Species	Catch (kg)	
	COB 1 (overall length - 7.5 m)	COB 2 (overall length - 7.2 m)
<i>Sardinella longiceps</i>	1200	1300
<i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	1000	800

The vessels (COB 1 and 2) set out for fishing at 07 00 hrs and 07 30 hrs respectively, with 4 crew members each and operated 9 km north-west off Ratnagiri at 15 m depth. Actual fishing hours lasted for 4-5 h.