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

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The vessels (COB 1 and 2) set out for fishing at 0700 hrs and 0730 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.

Oilsardine (Sardinella longiceps) landings by mini purse seiners at Jiwna and Bharadkhol-Divegar landing centres in Raigad District, Maharashtra

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During the months of October 2012 to February 2013, about 80 – 100 gillnetters (24 to 45 HP, 2 to 3 cylinder boats) were engaged in mini purse seine operation and landed bumper catches of the oilsardine, Sardinella longiceps at Jiwna and Bharadkhol-Divegar landing centres in Raigad District (Fig. 1). Around 3 to 5 t of oilsardine were landed in single day operations. The fishing ground was about 10 to 15 km north-west off Jiwna landing centre at 8 to 15 m depth. During this season (October-February) every year, when the catch in other gears is poor, fishermen engage in mini purse seine operation and earn fairly good income from this.

Heavy landing of Trichiurus lepturus by gillnets (tyanijal) at Wairi landing centre in Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra

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Trichiurus lepturus is one of the commercially important species caught by tyanijal (gillnet) along the coast of Sindhudurg District during the beginning of the fishing season i.e., during September to.