

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

October. On 12th October 2012, heavy landings of *T. lepturus* (Fig. 1) was recorded by tyanijal operated from fibre boats, with an average of 200 – 380 kg per boat along with *Rastrelliger kanagurta* (on an average 20 – 50 kg per boat). A total of 36 units were landed on the same day.

The fish were caught at a depth of 24 m off Wairi and the boats operated between 02 00 to 02 30 hrs, did only a single haul with 3 – 4 crew members and landed between 08 00 to 09 30 hrs. The nets used had a mesh size of 55 mm, made of plastic monofilament having a total length of 700 – 900 m and breadth of 14 – 16 m. The fishes were sold at the landing centre at the rate of ₹ 100/- per kg.



Fig. 1. *Trichiurus lepturus* landed at Wairi landing centre

On the same day, heavy landings of *T. lepturus* was also reported from Dandi landing centre, which is very close to Wairi landing centre. Such a heavy landing of *T. lepturus* is recorded after a gap of about 3 years along the Sindhudurg coast.