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 toal 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.

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.

**Unusual heavy landing of *Penaeus merguiensis* at Jiwna landing centre in Raigad District, Maharashtra**

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On 12th February 2013, about 20 – 30 kg each of *Penaeus merguiensis* were landed by 53 trawlers operating from Jiwna landing centre in Raigad District. The trawlers operated (2 days trip) at a depth of 20 m about 10 km south-west off Jiwna. Generally trawl net operations in this region land more of *Prapenaeopsis stylifera* and *Metapenaeus affinis* and do not land much quantity of *P. Merguiensis*. During the month of February 2013, there was marginal decrease in the landings of *P. stylifera* and *M. affinis* when *P. merguiensis* recorded increased landings. The price of *P. Merguiensis* at the landing centre ranged from `400 to 460/- per kg.

**Green mussel (*Perna viridis*) fishing at Rajiwada, Ratnagiri**

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During the months of December and January, fishery for live green mussels (*Perna viridis*) (Fig. 1) is observed along the coast of Rajiwada in Ratnagiri. Small non-mechanised crafts (locally known as *pagar*) having overall length of 4 – 5 m, with two crew members are engaged in this fishing activity. The live mussels were collected by diving at a depth of upto 3 - 4 m in the area of mussel beds (under Rajwade bridge). The fishing operation lasts for about one hour. The fishing is generally carried out in the morning from 70 00 hrs.