

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

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On 12th February 2013, about 20 – 30 kg each of *Penaeus merguensis* 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. Merguensis*. During the month of February 2013, there was marginal decrease in the landings of *P. stylifera* and *M. affinis* when *P. merguensis* recorded increased landings. The price of *P. Merguensis* at the landing centre ranged from ₹ 400 to 460/- per kg.