

Mini purseseine operation recorded for oil sardine catch at Jiwna and Bharadkhhol-Divegar landing centres in Raigad region of Maharashtra

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It was noticed that about 80 to 100 gillnetters from this region have been engaged for mini purse seine operation from October to February every year and 2 to 3 cylinder boats with 24 to 45 Hp are used for this operation at a depth of 8 to 15 m. Deployed towards NW direction, 8 to 15 km away

from the landing centre the vessels fetch 3 to 5 tons of *S. longiceps* catch every day with 2-3 hauls in Jiwna and Bharadkhhol-Divegar landing centres.

This year mini purseseine operation was noticed up to the month of April and there are still 10 to 15 mini purse seines under regular operation.



Oil sardine catch reported by mini purse seine operation at Jiwna landing centre

Since the fish catch is low while using other kind of nets, many fishermen from this region are attracted towards this type of fishing activities that

fetch good income during these months. The rate at the landing centre for oil sardine was ₹ 10 to 12.