

Fibre boat fishery using combined gears

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Fibre boat fitted with outboard engine are used for fishing with combined gears of drift gillnet and hooks & lines. In August they had gone with both the gears in the craft. The duration of absence from land had increased from 40-48 hours to 60-70 hours. The depth of operation had increased from 40m to 70m. The mode of operation while out in the sea also had some differences, that they go for drift gillnetting during evening hours and the time in between the hauls were used for hooks & lines operation. During the day also they go for hooks & lines operation in accordance with the availability of catch. The catch had more of *Xiphias gladius*, *Mene maculate* and *Mola mola* in addition to the other fishes such as tunas, sharks and billfishes. The drift gillnet operation takes 6-8 hours per haul and hooks & lines operation

depends on the availability and the total average duration/ trip /unit which is between 20 and 22 hours.



Thunnus albacares caught by fibre boat using combined gear of Driftgillnet/ hooks & lines



Mola mola caught by fibre boat using combined gear of Driftgillnet/ hooks & lines



Xiphias gladius caught by fibre boat using combined gear of Driftgillnet/ hooks & lines