

Record sized Kiddi prawn caught off Mumbai

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Parapenaeopsis stylifera is a penaeid prawn commercially called as Kiddi prawn and locally known as 'Jinga'. A large sized *P. stylifera* was collected from New Ferry Wharf on 29.04.2014 during regular field sampling. The mechanized shrimp trawler which had landed the specimen was fishing in 40 - 60 m depths off Gujarat coast. It landed about 50 - 60 kg *P. stylifera* along with the catches of other penaeid prawns such as *Metapenaeus affinis*, *M. monoceros* and *Solenocera crassicornis*. The particular specimen was a female measuring 158 mm in total length and weighing 27.6 grams. It appears to be the maximum



Fig 1. Record sized specimen of *P. stylifera*

recorded size for the species as the earlier maximum sizes recorded by different researchers range between 113-145 mm in total length (Table 1). The specimen was deposited with Accession number (ED. 1.3.4.6.1) in the Designated National Repository of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi.

Table 1. Records of large sized *P. stylifera*

Earlier recorded size (mm)	Recorded area	Reference
126-130	Malabar coast	Menon M. K., 1953
145	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Shaikhmahmud and Tembe, 1960
140	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Mohamed, K. H., 1967
123	Ambalapuzha, Kerala	Kurup and Rao, 1974
113	Mangalore, Karnataka	Ramamurthy S., 1980
115	Cochin, Kerala	Suseelan and Rajan, 1989
135	Needakara, Kerala	Geetha and Nair, 1992
125	Cochin, Kerala	Suseelan <i>et al.</i> , 1993
115	North-West Coast of India	Ramamurthy S., 1994
135	Mangalore, Karnataka	Anantha <i>et al.</i> , 1998
129	Karachi, Pakistan	Ayub, Z. 1998
143	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Deshmukh, V. D., 2001
130	Calicut, Kerala	Sarada, P. T., 2002
140	Saurashtra, Gujarat	Dineshbabu, A. P., 2005
125	Valanjavazhi, Kerala	Nandakumar <i>et al.</i> , 2005
158	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Present observation, 2014