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About Us

Veraval Regional Station of ICAR-CMFRI has its presence in Gujarat since 1954 when it was established as a survey station. The station has well developed facilities and scientific team to cater the need of marine fisheries sector of the State. The station has played key role through research and policy intervention in ensuring sustainable development of marine fisheries sector of the state.

Major Areas of Research:



Monitoring and Assessment of
Marine Fisheries Resources



Marine Environment and Biodiversity
Monitoring and Assessment



Marine fish, shellfish & seaweed
farming



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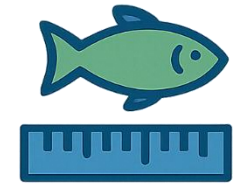
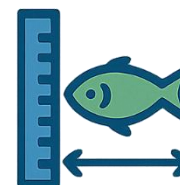
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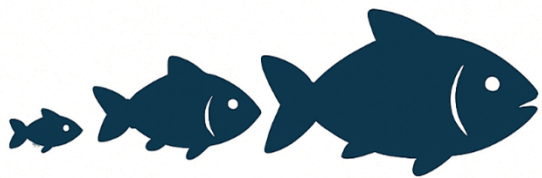
Minimum Legal Size (MLS) for Marine Fishery Resources of Gujarat



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What is MLS?



Minimum Legal Size (MLS)

is the smallest size a fish can be legally retained, ensuring juveniles can reproduce at least once before being caught.

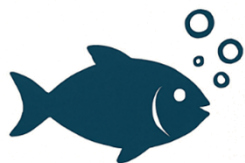
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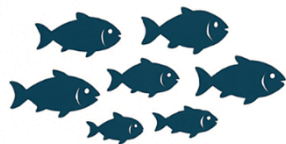
Protection of Juvenile Fish



Ensuring Fish Can Reproduce Before Capture



Preventing Overfishing and Promoting Sustainable Fisheries



Improving Market Value by Allowing Fish to Grow Larger



Common Name	MLS (mm/g)
Indian Mackerel	140 TL
Bombayduck	185 TL
Golden anchovy	115 TL
Little tuna	377 TL
Horse mackerel	261 TL
Ribbonfish	448 TL
Longtail tuna	480 TL
Yellowfin tuna	500 FL
Skipjack tuna	350 FL
Dolphin fish	545 TL
King seer	500 FL
Spotted seer	370 FL
King fish	610 FL
Indian scad	110 TL

MLS for Major Fisheries Resources of Gujarat

Common Name	MLS (mm/g)
Coastal mud-prawn	63 TL
Kiddi prawn	65 TL
Jinga prawn	102 TL
Speckled prawn	105 TL
Flower tail prawn	60 TL
Green tiger prawn	120 TL
Spotted crab	74 CW
Blue crab	90 CW
Cross crab	66 CW
Mud spiny lobster	300 g
Scalloped spiny lobster	200 g
Indian squid	107 DML
Long barrel squid	83 DML
Pharaoh cuttlefish	110 DML

Common Name	MLS (mm/g)
Threadfin bream (yellow)	125 TL
Threadfin bream (red)	100 TL
White fish	100 TL
Greater lizardfish	170 TL
Brushtooth Lizardfish	100 TL
Black spotted croaker	700 TL
Bronze croaker	660 TL
Lesser tiger toothed croaker	160 TL
Tiger toothed croaker	170 TL
Pale spotfin croaker	148 TL
Sin croaker	110 TL
Silver pomfret	133 SL
Black pomfret	170 TL
Spiny cheek grouper	180 TL
Bull's eye	140 TL
Malabar sole	90 TL
Thinspine sea catfish	291 TL
Indian threadfin	530 FL
Silver grunt	250 TL
Indian Pike conger	950 TL
Spadenose shark	376 TL
Scaly whiplay	140 DW

