

The unusual landings of oil sardine being continued

The unusual high landings of oil sardine is being continued in the Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar. During March, the trawlers at Rameswaram landed 5.8 t of oil sardine. The average catch per unit was 252 t. The size ranged from 121-165 mm. During the last week of March, 35 t were landed on one day by a Kara valai operated at Dargavalasai in the Palk Bay region. In the Gulf of Mannar area 144 t were landed by a Kara valai unit. But only stray specimens were noticed in the trawlers at Pamban and Mandapam. The fishery is being monitored closely.