

## **Unusual landing of oil sardine**

Following an all time peak abundance of oil sardine in the year 2000 along Kerala coast (3.67 lakh tonnes), juveniles (80-120 mm) have been constituting a regular fishery by ring seines since July 2002. Juvenile fishes entering Cochin backwaters are caught by cast nets and dip nets.

The glut situation has resulted in price reduction and a major part of the catch is beach dried. The dried product is regularly transported to Andhra Pradesh for converting to poultry feed and fish meal.