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INSTANCE OF HEAVY CATCHES OF *METAPENAEUS DOBSONI* ALONG THE MADRAS COAST*

Unusually heavy catches of *Metapenaeus dobsoni* were made from the inshore waters during 12th to 18th July, 1988 at the fishing villages of Perianeelangarai kuppam, Panayur kuppam and Kanathur-reddi kuppam. The catches were made using Edavalai, a type of bag net which requires 4 catamarans and 20 men to operate. On 16th July, 6 units landed 3,048 kg of prawn which

was sold for Rs. 68,508. On the same day about 2,000 kg of *M. dobsoni* was landed at Periyaneelangarai kuppam. At Kanathur-reddi kuppam 2,500 kg of prawn fished with *Kavalavalai* were landed.

The length range of the prawns landed was between 78 and 102 mm and dominant size group (31.4%) was 90-94 mm.

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