

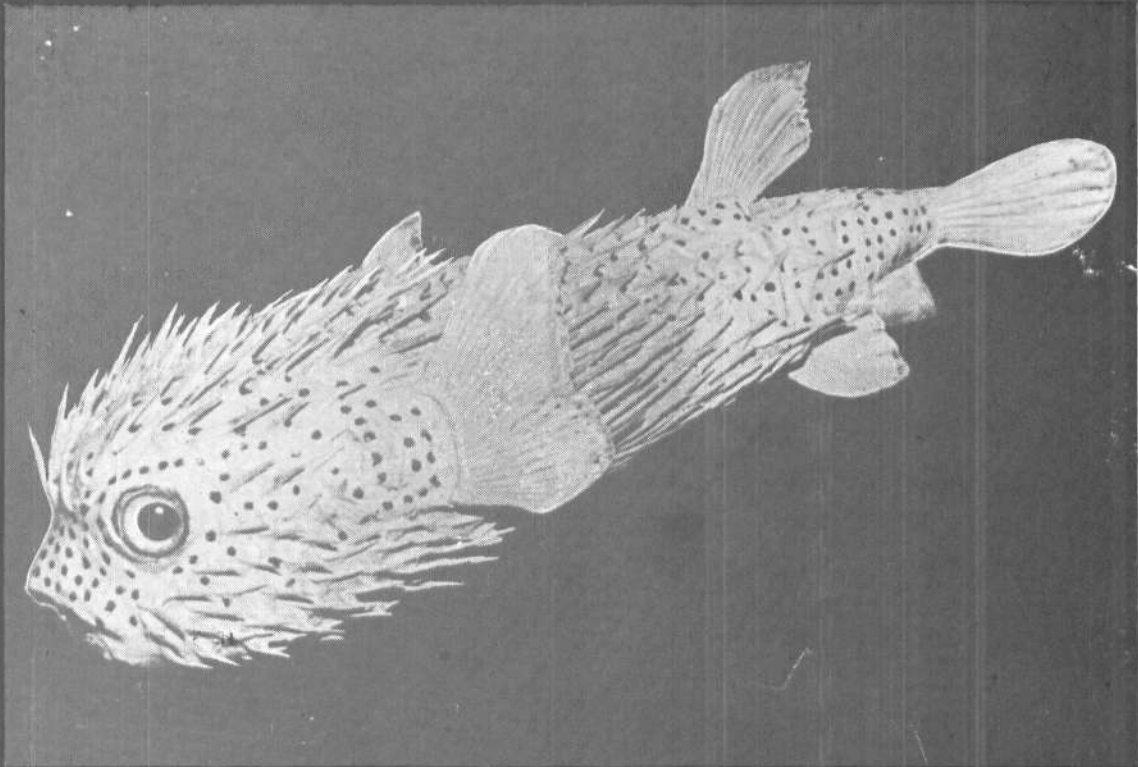


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## **On the exploitation of the prawn seed (*Penaeus monodon*) along Midnapur District of West Bengal\***

Exploitation of prawn seed (*Penaeus monodon*) is common along the northern Andhra Pradesh coast. However, due to the increasing demand prawn seed collection has been introduced to the Midnapur district of Bengal. Extensive collections were reported from most of the fish landing centres of the district during June-August 1995 period. The net employed is a fixed bag net made of nylon and locally called as *Chotobahundjal* or *Bhasabahundjal* which has a length of 2.5 m and width of 1.5 m. The cost of the net is about Rs. 300-400.

The price of 100 numbers of seed ranged between Rs. 30/- and Rs. 80/- depending upon the availability. The length of the seed collected ranged from 1 to 2 cm. Apart from prawn seeds, the collections also contained juveniles of fishes like *Escuolosa thoracata*, *Stolephorus* sp., *Mugil* spp, and *Thryssa* spp. which were later discarded.

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