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1116 Unusual landing of *Hilsa ilisha* in gill net at New Ferry wharf, Mumbai

On 29-01-05 an unusual landing of 1200 kg of *Hilsa ilisha* was observed at New Ferry Wharf. *H.ilisha* is locally known as ‘paala’ and has very high demand in local markets. A small gill-netter of 8 m OAL used a



Hilsa ilisha

monofilament gill net with a mesh size of 60mm for this catch. The fish was caught towards the southwest direction of Navasheva in 2-4 m depth and the fishing operation was carried out during night. The entire catch was from a single shoal and size of *H.ilisha* landed ranged between 230 to 360 mm, with the modal length at 290 mm. The catch was sold by auction at the landing centre with an average rate of Rs.70/kg. The total value realised was approximately Rs. 84,000.

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