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On 27.3.2004, 114 trawl units operating at Bhairavapalem landed a bumper catch of 138 tonnes of fishes out of which 42 tonnes were sciaenids and 20 tonnes were *Arius tenuispinis*. Cat fishes were caught from a depth range 28-36 metres towards southwest direction and sciaenid were from the depth zone of 18-20 metres towards northeast direction. The species of sciaenids caught were *Johnius carutta*, *Otolithes ruber*, *J. macropterus*, *J. belangerii*, *Nibea soldado* *Kathala axillaris* and *Decapterus russelli*. Size range of *A. tenuispinis* was 220-420 mm and the dominant group was between 310-

350 mm. Size of *J. carutta* ranged between 140-220 mm and that of *O. ruber* was 190-240 mm. Trawl units which got cat fishes, operated 2 hauls and the units for sciaenids made only single haul. *A. tenuispinis* fetched a price range of Rs. 12/- to Rs. 16/- per Kg at the local markets. The price of the sciaenids ranged between Rs. 12/- to Rs. 18/- per kg and they were sent to internal markets like Rajahmundry, Mandapeta, Ramachandrapuram and Rampachodavaram.

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