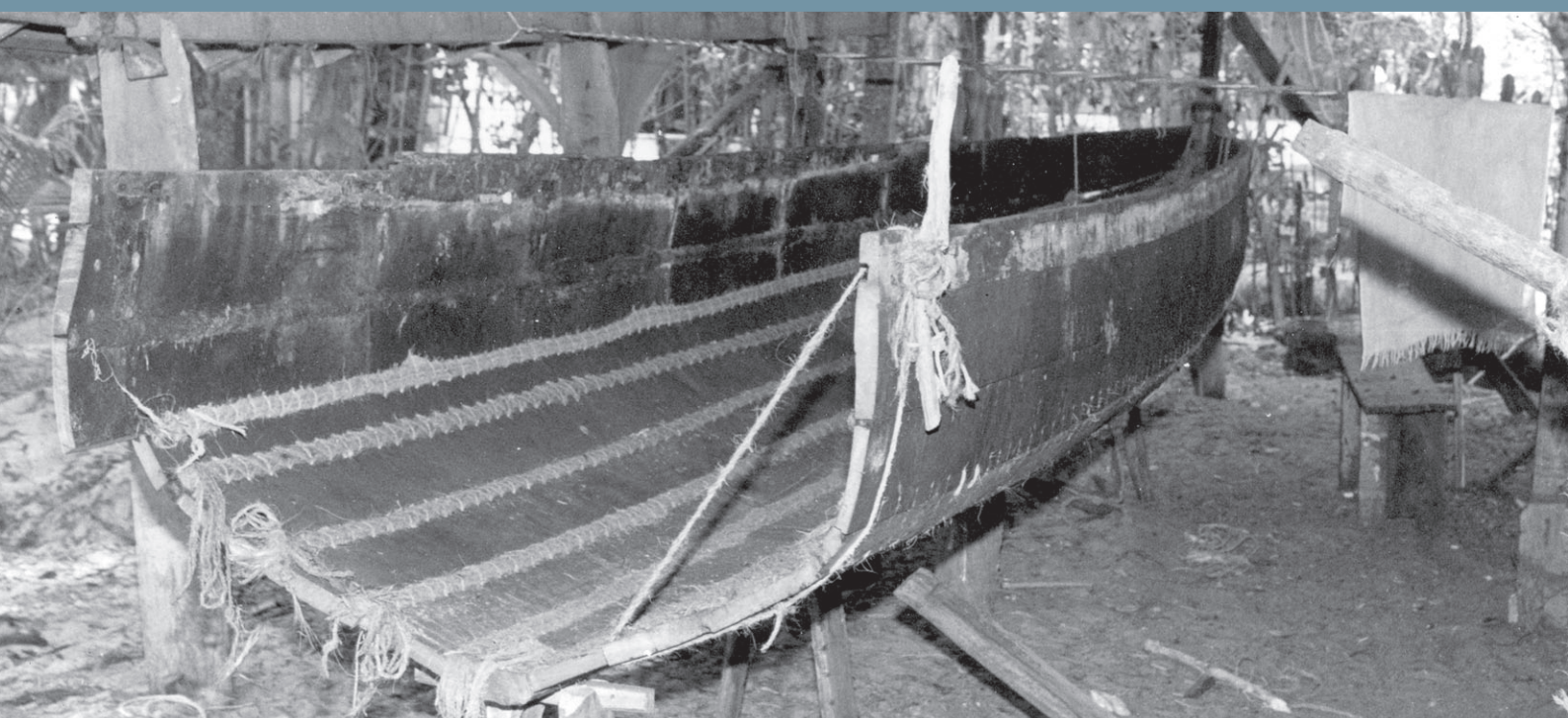




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Unusual bumper catch of Indian mackerel (*Rastrelliger kanagurta*) at Chennai Fisheries Harbour

An unusual landing of young (20 cm) Indian mackerel (*Rastrelliger kanagurta*) at Chennai Fisheries Harbour was observed during 8 th to 17 th June 2004. During the first four days the catch was landed by *edavalai* (a type of small bag net) operated at a depth of 15 to 20

meters. During the remaining six days the fish was caught near the bar mouth of Chennai Fisheries Harbour at a distance of 8 km. from the shore at a depth of 10 to 15 meters by *edavalai*. The average catch was estimated to be 20 to 40 tonnes per day with a peak catch

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of 84 tonnes on 15-06-2004. The entire catch was transported to Kerala. The fish was auctioned at the rate of

Rs.12/kg.

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