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Twelve specimens of *Pinctada margaritifera* were collected from a depth of 4 m near the wave energy project of the Vizhinjam Bay. They were found attached to the rocks. Morphometric measurements of the specimens are given in the table.

Earlier in April 2004, two specimens of *P. margaritifera* were collected from Mulloor near Vizhinjam from a depth of 4 m. The oysters were 206 and 118 g in weight

Sl. No.	DVM (mm)	T (mm)	Wt (g.)
1	96.2	21.57	75
2	100.8	32.9	200
3	86.7	23.12	90
4	76.5	19.4	75
5	82.9	23.88	75
6	45.9	13.88	20
7	102.0	33.5	196
8	112.0	34	202
9	114.0	34.3	203
10	112.0	33.2	207
11	68.0	19.2	61
12	83.0	22.3	76

(DVM-dorso-ventral measurement, T- thickness)

and measured dorsoventrally 119 and 91 mm respectively. They were stocked in the raft moored in Vizhinjam bay. Later a few specimens brought from Andamans were also kept along with them. The variation in the size of the oysters indicate that they belong to different year classes. From the Indian coast, *P. margaritifera* specimens were reported only from Andaman & Nicobar



Specimens of *Pinctada margaritifera*

islands and from Lakshadweep. The newly collected specimens were stocked in cages.

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