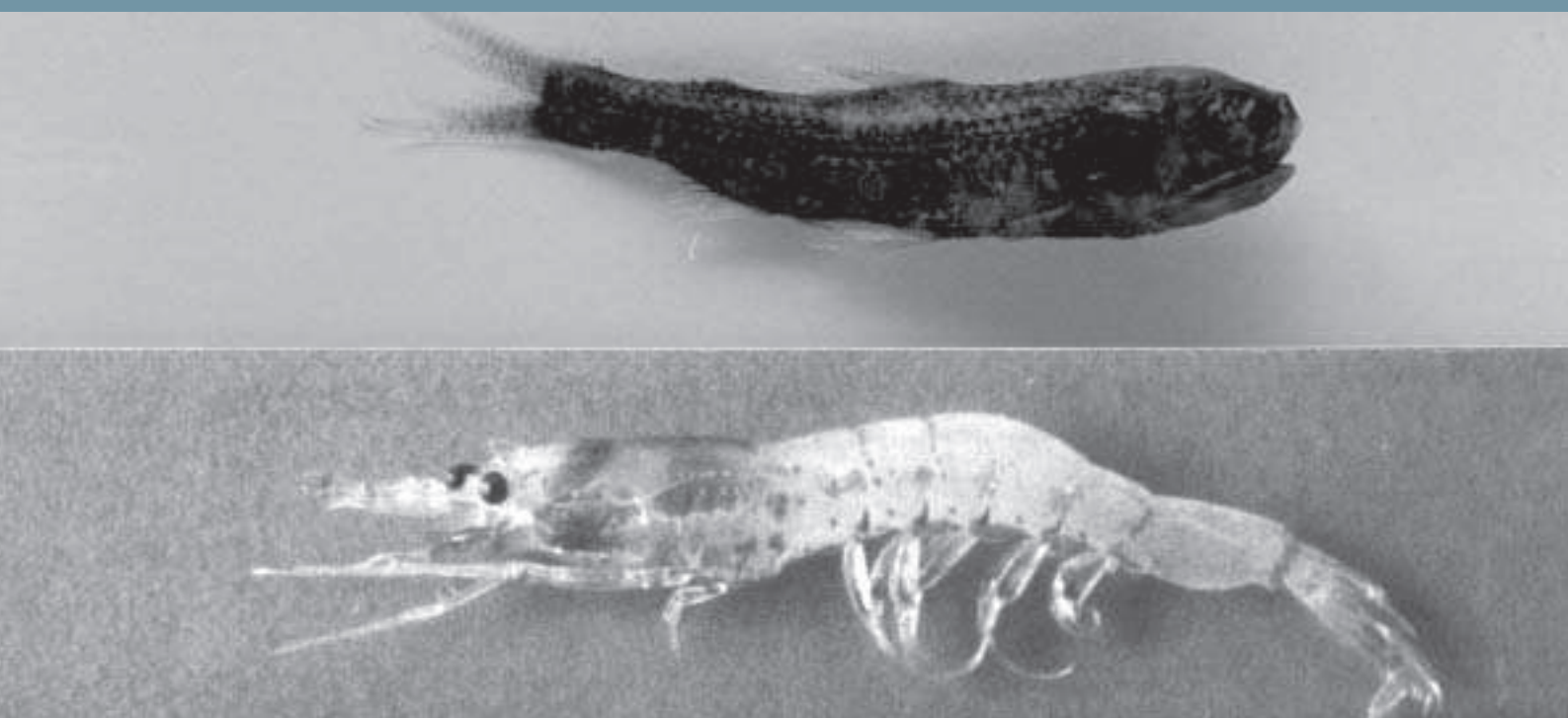




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Though the marine catfish production showed a distance of 30-40Km, 30-40m depth, SE direction continuously declining trend all along the Indian coast, off Nawabundar, landed *A. dussumieri* in large heavy landings of *A. dussumieri* has been recorded at quantities. An estimated landing of 81.6 tonnes of Nawabundar landing centre. Black tip sea catfish catfish comprising 53.6% of total days catch (152t), locally known as "Khaga" forms an important seasonal contributing 50.7% of estimated monthly catch (2030t), fishery in the Dol nets operated at Nawabundar, fetching 12-13 Rs/Kg was observed. Length frequency contributing 5 to 16% of total fish catch with the annual distribution of *A. dussumieri* ranged from 45 to 69 cm,

Table 1. Estimated catch (tonnes) & Effort of *A. dussumieri* landed at Nawabundar

Year	No. of units	No. of hauls	<i>Arius</i> spp.	Catch/Unit	% of <i>Arius</i> spp.	Total catch
2000	26309	267843	1662	63.2	5.7	29407
2001	28105	275947	2166	77	12.8	16933
2002	24164	294390	3906	162	16.1	24291
2003	24580	309503	2455	99.99	11	22284

catches ranging from 1600 to 3900 tonnes during the period 2000 to 2003 (Table 1), major landings were noticed during the year 2002 between March to May and October to December. On 23rd March, 2003, multiday-multihaul dol netters that had operated at a

with the dominant modal groups in the range of 56 to 60 cm.

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