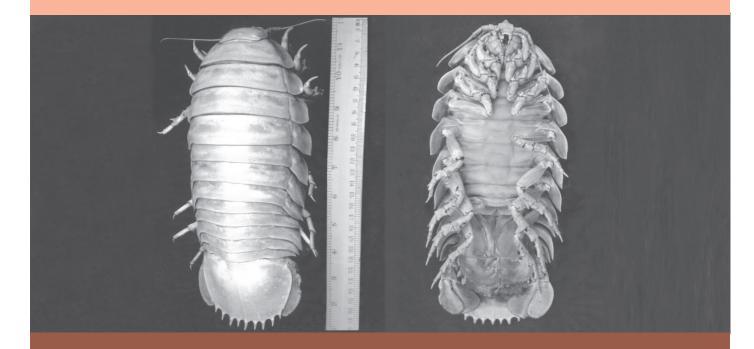
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Introduction of "Ring Vala" (Ring seine) along Kakinada Coast with a note on its impact

Recently the innovative gear Ring seine (Ring vala) is introduced in Kakinada for pelagic fishing. It is made of silk yarn having a total length of about 315-350 m and breadth of about 34-40 m.

Craft

In the operation of this gear a single motorized fibreglass teppa or beach landing craft fitted with hp of 10 to 20 is used. Mainly motorized craft only is suitable for this gear because of net operating time is very less between 15 and 20 minutes. Sometimes two motorized crafts are also used, one is for net operation and another, only for transportation of the catch from fishing area to shore.

This Gear started operation from this year along the coast of Pampodipeta, Kothapeta, Yelliahpeta, Dhaniahpeta, Narsipeta,

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Perumallapuram, Konapapapeta and Uppada. Fishermen objected to the use of this ring vala operation in the beginning because of the great threat to shore-seine

catches and also surface gill net catches.

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