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Bumper catches of *Arius tenuispinis* by shore seines in Orissa

On 26-3-2004, three shore seines landed bumper catches of *Arius tenuispinis* locally known as "Nalla Jalla", between 10.00 and 11.00 hrs. The net was operated in

6-10 m depth along the shore at a distance of 1-2 Km away from Golabandho. The three shore seines got 179 "panams" (1 panam = 80 fishes) of *A. tenuispinis* by a

single haul. The length of the fishes varied between 38-52 cm and the weight of each specimen was in the range 1-2 kgs. The price of each panam was around Rs. 600/

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- and the entire catch was sold for Rs. 107400/- . This was a rare phenomenon at this landing centre.

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