

Fishery activities affected in the Raigad region due to collision of two ships near Mumbai coast

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On 7th August 2010, two ships viz., MV Chitra and MV *Khaljia* collided near Mumbai coast. State Government issued a high alert warning to the local people on consumption of fish caught from the sea and its ill effects. Besides this, there were numerous

media reports published in the local news papers also about the incident and its after effects.

In the beginning of the incident, many people were scared to eat sea fish, which automatically affected the prices of the fishes brought to the local markets

by the fishermen. In spite of the state Government warning, regular catches of dolnets / boxnets and hand trawling were reported at Alibag, Thal, Saswane, Mandwa, and Rewas jetty landing centres during this period.

No oil spill or fish mortalities were noticed in the Raigad District except in Uran Taluka, where marine life as well as mangroves and other plants were affected due to spillage of oil and hazardous chemicals.