

Unusual landing of *Hilsa ilisha* and *Rastrelliger kanagurta* at Raigad region of Maharashtra

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Presently there are three landing centres in Raigad District under regular operation during monsoon fishery viz., Alibag, Borli-Mandla and Nandgao-Mazgao. In these landing centres, fishes caught during monsoon fishery by gillnet operation are landed where good catch of *Hilsa ilisha* and *Rastrelliger kanagurta* are obtained.

On 5th July 2011, there was unusual landing of *H. ilisha* (85 to 160 kg per craft) and *R. kanagurta* (60 to 120 kg per craft) by six bottom set gillnets locally

called budijal having mesh size of 60 to 100 mm at Alibag Landing Centre during the monsoon period. The prices at the landing centre were ₹ 460 to 500 per kg for *H. ilisha* and ₹ 100 per kg for *R. kanagurta*.

It was reported by the local fishermen that the above phenomenon continued upto the second fortnight of July and very good catch of these species were landed during this period at these centres.