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Cotbona Landing Centre is the major mechanised landing centre in south Goa having fish landing jetty of 1 km stretch. Of the total fish catch at this jetty

Sardinella longiceps contributed about 90% during the year 2012. Landings of *S. longiceps* is generally observed throughout the year with peak landings from

September to December. During the first week of May 2012, unusual heavy landings of *S. longiceps* was observed. On 3rd May 2012 heavy landings started from early morning 0600 hrs and continued upto 1200 hrs on 4th May. About 67 purse-seiners landed catch ranging from 8 to 40 t per boat. The average catch

landed during the day was about 938 t. The total length of *S. longiceps* landed ranged from 9 to 16 cm. The entire catch was iced, loaded in trucks and transported to Karnataka for fish meal production. The auction rate of the fish ranged from ₹ 100 to ₹ 110 per basket of 15 kg, i.e., ₹ 6/- ₹ 7/- per kg.



Purse seiners loaded with *Saradinella longiceps* at Cotbona Landing Centre, south Goa