

Landing of *Exhippolysmata ensirostris* at Azheekkal Harbour

Exhippolysmata ensirostris (Kemp, 1914), commonly known as Hunter shrimp (Family-Lysmatidae) were observed in landings at Azheekkal Fisheries Harbour, Kollam on 2nd March 2023. They were caught in trawlers. Twenty-two single-day trawlers operating at 10 to 15 m depth off Azheekal Kollam, caught approximately 1kg each of the species among other shrimps such as *Parapenaeopsis stylifera*, *Metapenaeus dobsoni* and *Penaeus indicus*. The specimens measured on an average 65 mm in total length and most of them were berried. The species is hermaphrodite and hence sexes are not separate (Kagwade, 1984). Kunju (1967) reported commercial fishery of



E. ensirostris from Maharashtra and Ganapathy and Subramaniam (1966) from Godavari Delta. Its early larval stages were studied by Bensam and Kartha (1967), and Pillai (1974) described

the complete larval stages reared in the laboratory. The species occurs only rarely in the landings.

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