

**FISHERY STATUS OF *BABYLONIA SPIRATA* AT PORTO NOVO,
SOUTHEAST COAST OF INDIA**

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ABSTRACT

A survey carried out during March-August 1993 to study the fishery status of the marine snail *Babylonia spirata* along the coast line of Porto Novo suggested Annappanpettai as the chief landing centre. The total landing of these gastropods was about 211 tons. The common gear to fish these gastropods are traps operated from mechanized catamarans. The economic value of meat, operculum, and shells of *B. spirata* was Rs.40/kg., Rs.400/kg, and Rs.2/kg respectively. The quantity of boiled meat was about 54 tons, operculum 11 tons, and shells 157 tons. The total value was estimated at about Rs.22.22 lakhs (US\$.74,100) for the boiled meat, Rs.4.24 lakhs (US\$.14,133) for the operculum and Rs.3.15 lakhs (US\$.10,499) for the shells.