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Bobbing and hand line fishing methods of Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

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ABSTRACT

The present study encompasses some line fishing methods practiced in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. The bobbing line locally known as *Sarsara* was operated at a depth ranging from 10 to 18 m to catch Scad fish (*Kokeri*). Its main line was made up of PA monofilament twine of length varying from 6 to 12 m and diameter ranging from 0.16 to 0.25 mm. Bob was made up of 15 to 30 cm PA monofilament of same specification as that of the line. Hand line consisting of a line and bait with hook was operated at a water depth of 4.5 to 12 m and was made up of PA monofilament twine having a twine diameter varying from 0.23 to 1 mm of length ranging from 5 to 16 m. Barbed 'J' shaped steel hooks of 7 to 13 number were normally used.

KEY WORDS : Line fishing methods, Bobbing, Hand line

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