

THE STATUS OF THE SPINY LOBSTER FISHERY
AT PATNANGALLE

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Seasonal lobster fishery at Patnangalle was studied by sampling during 1986/87 season and also using the statistics available at the Ceylon Fisheries Co-operation for the last 4 years. The catch per unit effort (CPUE) values for different years (1982 - 1987) ranged from 2 - 5 kg per craft per day. Panulirus homarus dominated the catches contributing around 84%. 250 - 450 gm size group dominated the catch throughout the season.

Increasing fishing effort by 50% during 1986/1987 season showed a proportionate catch increase indicating no signs of overfishing. Sex ratio remained 1 : 1 throughout the fishing season. 31.5% of the females landed were observed as berried.

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