

What fish do the small *kats* catch?

Croakers, Anchovies, Mullet, Prawns, Carangids, Pomfret, Ribbonfish or Mackerel according to the season, but all very small in size and quantity.

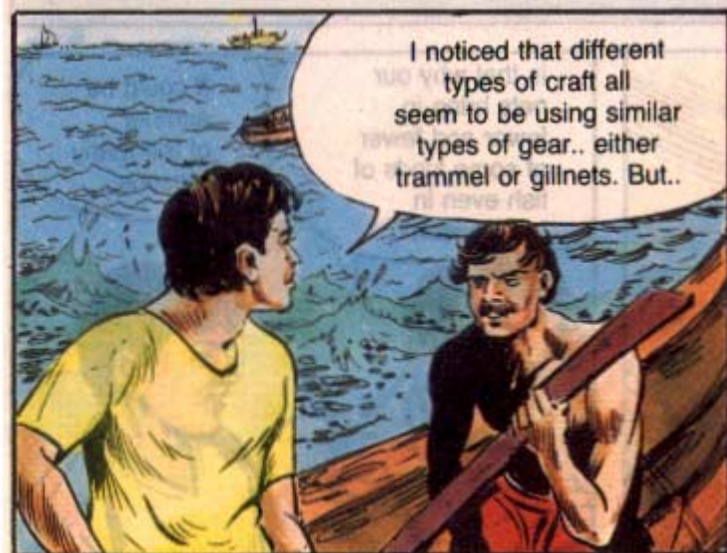
What about the *navas*?

*Navas* catch mainly Sharks, Skates, Rays, Croakers, Catfish, and Seerfish. All much larger in size and quantity.

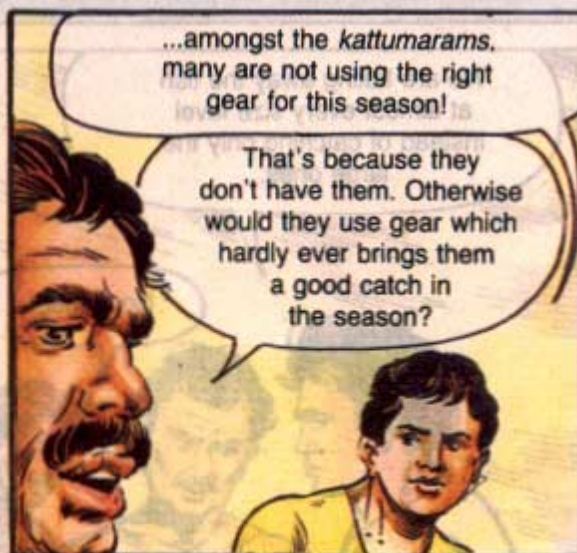
And the motorized boats?

The large *kats* there, where Panchu said we should set our nets, catch the same types of fish as the small *kats*, but slightly larger in size and more in quantity.

They sometimes fish close to the large *kats* and sometimes nearer the *navas*. So they catch a mixture of both. But the fish are much larger than those caught by the *kattumarams*.

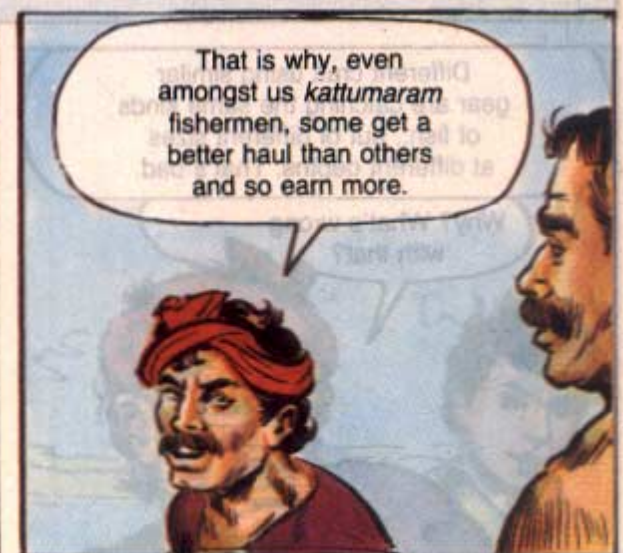


I noticed that different types of craft all seem to be using similar types of gear.. either trammel or gillnets. But..



...amongst the *kattumarams*, many are not using the right gear for this season!

That's because they don't have them. Otherwise would they use gear which hardly ever brings them a good catch in the season?



That is why, even amongst us *kattumaram* fishermen, some get a better haul than others and so earn more.



