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Fishes of the Bay

The Bay of Bengal, one of the World's 64 large marine ecosystems, harbours a rich diversity of fin and shellfish species, which provide food, nutrition and livelihoods to millions of people in the region and outside. Home to about six million small-scale and artisanal fishers, the four BOBP-IGO member-countries (Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka) produce about five million metric tonnes of fish annually, which is about six percent of the global fish production.

This edition of the BOBP-IGO's calendar provides a glimpse of the rich and diverse fisheries wealth of the Bay.

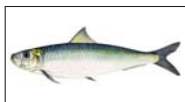


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BOBP-IGO is now celebrating its decade of success.

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January

Sun	12	26
Mon	13	27
Tue	14	28
Wed	1	29
Thu	2	30
Fri	3	31
Sat	4	18
Sun	5	19
Mon	6	20
Tue	7	21
Wed	8	22
Thu	9	23
Fri	10	24
Sat	11	25



*Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), a highly migratory species, forms a lucrative commercial fishery in the deep offshore waters of the Indian Ocean, including the Bay of Bengal. It is also a highly traded commodity.*

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February

Sun	9	23
Mon	10	24
Tue	11	25
Wed	12	26
Thu	13	27
Fri	14	28
Sat	1	15
Sun	2	16
Mon	3	17
Tue	4	18
Wed	5	19
Thu	6	20
Fri	7	21
Sat	8	22



Seer fish, a member of the mackerel family is a delicacy in the region, especially in India and Sri Lanka.

Mainly caught using hook and line, it forms a lucrative fishery in the Bay.

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March

Sun	9	23
Mon	10	24
Tue	11	25
Wed	12	26
Thu	13	27
Fri	14	28
Sat	1	29
Sun	2	30
Mon	3	31
Tue	4	18
Wed	5	19
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Fri	7	21
Sat	8	22



Groupers are a valuable fishery resource of the reef ecosystems in the region and a major fishery in Maldives. They have high economic value and are also popular with recreational fishers and divers.

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April

Sun	13	27
Mon	14	28
Tue	1	29
Wed	2	30
Thu	3	17
Fri	4	18
Sat	5	19
Sun	6	20
Mon	7	21
Tue	8	22
Wed	9	23
Thu	10	24
Fri	11	25
Sat	12	26



Several species of Pomfrets, especially the silver, grey and black varieties are in great demand round the year. They are widely distributed in the Bay, but are mostly caught from the shallow waters.

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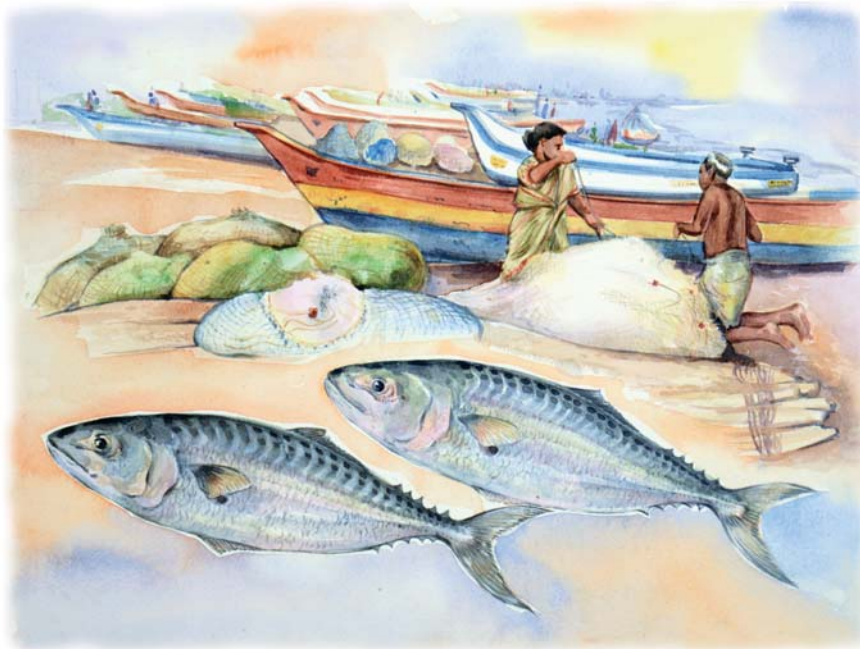
May

Sun	11	25
Mon	12	26
Tue	13	27
Wed	14	28
Thu	1	29
Fri	2	30
Sat	3	31
Sun	4	18
Mon	5	19
Tue	6	20
Wed	7	21
Thu	8	22
Fri	9	23
Sat	10	24



*The Indian mackerel (*Rastrelliger kanagartha*) is one of the dominant pelagic species in the Bay. The species, widely preferred in the region, is harvested mostly from the coastal waters by trawls and seine nets.*

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June

Sun	8	22	
Mon	9	23	
Tue	10	24	
Wed	11	25	
Thu	12	26	
Fri	13	27	
Sat	14	28	
Sun	1	15	29
Mon	2	16	30
Tue	3	17	
Wed	4	18	
Thu	5	19	
Fri	6	20	
Sat	7	21	



The Bay of Bengal abounds in shark species, the top predators in the marine ecosystem. Countries in the region are now moving towards sustainable harvest of sharks and protection of species that are endangered.

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July

Sun	13	27	
Mon	14	28	
Tue	1	15	29
Wed	2	16	30
Thu	3	17	31
Fri	4	18	
Sat	5	19	
Sun	6	20	
Mon	7	21	
Tue	8	22	
Wed	9	23	
Thu	10	24	
Fri	11	25	
Sat	12	26	



Hilsa (Tenulosa ilisha), the national fish of Bangladesh and also very popular in the eastern and north-eastern parts of India, forms an important fishery in both marine and inland waters of the two countries.

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August

Sun	10	24
Mon	11	25
Tue	12	26
Wed	13	27
Thu	14	28
Fri	1	29
Sat	2	30
Sun	3	31
Mon	4	18
Tue	5	19
Wed	6	20
Thu	7	21
Fri	8	22
Sat	9	23



Skipjack (Katsuwonus pelamis), one of the most important member of the tuna family, is a highly migratory species. It forms the mainstay of the Maldivian fishery, caught by the popular pole and line fishing method.

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September

Sun	7	21
Mon	8	22
Tue	9	23
Wed	10	24
Thu	11	25
Fri	12	26
Sat	13	27
Sun	14	28
Mon	1	29
Tue	2	30
Wed	3	17
Thu	4	18
Fri	5	19
Sat	6	20



Crab fishery is dominated by the edible crabs belonging to the family Portunidae. Caught from both marine waters and estuaries, crab fishery mainly supports the operation of small-scale and artisanal fishers in the region.

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October

Sun	12	26
Mon	13	27
Tue	14	28
Wed	1	29
Thu	2	30
Fri	3	31
Sat	4	18
Sun	5	19
Mon	6	20
Tue	7	21
Wed	8	22
Thu	9	23
Fri	10	24
Sat	11	25



Sardines are becoming an important fishery in the Bay of Bengal. Their increasing population in the region is being attributed to warming of the seas and fishing down the food chain.

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November

Sun	9	23	
Mon	10	24	
Tue	11	25	
Wed	12	26	
Thu	13	27	
Fri	14	28	
Sat	1	15	29
Sun	2	16	30
Mon	3	17	
Tue	4	18	
Wed	5	19	
Thu	6	20	
Fri	7	21	
Sat	8	22	



Cuttlefish, a small to medium sized mollusc, mostly inhabit the shallow waters of the Bay. Along with squids, it forms an important fishery in the region, which is growing in both volume and value.

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December

Sun	7	21
Mon	8	22
Tue	9	23
Wed	10	24
Thu	11	25
Fri	12	26
Sat	13	27
Sun	14	28
Mon	1	29
Tue	2	30
Wed	3	31
Thu	4	18
Fri	5	19
Sat	6	20



Giant tiger shrimp (Penaeus monodon) is found in the benthic waters and forms an important export variety from the region. It is also widely reared in farms set up in the coastal areas of the Bay.

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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
SUN 4 11 18 25	SUN 1 8 15 22	SUN 1 8 15 22 29	SUN 5 12 19 26
MON 5 12 19 26	MON 2 9 16 23	MON 2 9 16 23 30	MON 6 13 20 27
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MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
SUN 31 3 10 17 24	SUN 7 14 21 28	SUN 5 12 19 26	SUN 30 2 9 16 23
MON 4 11 18 25	MON 1 8 15 22 29	MON 6 13 20 27	MON 31 3 10 17 24
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SAT 2 9 16 23 30	SAT 6 13 20 27	SAT 4 11 18 25	SAT 1 8 15 22 29
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SUN 6 13 20 27	SUN 4 11 18 25	SUN 1 8 15 22 29	SUN 6 13 20 27
MON 7 14 21 28	MON 5 12 19 26	MON 2 9 16 23 30	MON 7 14 21 28
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