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The title of my thesis is " *A Study of Economic Condition of Fisherman Families of Rural Area of Gujarat : With Special Reference to Saurashtra Region* ". This study is based on both, primary and secondary data collected as a part of my research work.

Quite a good deal of research work has been carried out to study various aspects of fishing activities. Most of the research work focus on management of fisheries (Anderson, Lee G. 1977 ; Adcm A. Sokoloski 1973 ; Cushing, Devid H. 1975 ; A.D. Scott 1970 ; U.K. Srivastava and M. Dharma Reddy 1983 ; etc.). While there are some works done on technological aspects of fishing activities, for example, Govindan T.K. 1985 ; U.K. Srivastava and Others 1986 ; Khukhar, K.K. 1984 ; etc. There are some, research works which discuss problems of marketing. For example Rao, B.S. 1970 ; IIM, Centre for management in agriculture, Ahmedabad, 1983 ; H.K. Bhatt, & A. Latieff, 1972 ; U.K. Srivastava, B.H. Dholakiya and S. Srinivas Rao, 1985. Moreover there are some works regarding production, processing and export problems. In this regard significant contribution is given by Dr. T.K. Govindan, 1985 ; National Council of Applied Economic Research, 1985 ; Bhattacharya, S.N. 1965 ; Unni M.M. 1971 ; India : Indian Dry Fish Delegation to Ceylon ; Kerala Fisheries Directorate 1969, and UNCTAD/GATT, Geneva, 1979. However there are some works analysing organisation and structural aspects of fishing business. We are able to quote some of the scholars of this arza. Sib, Ranjan Misra 1985 ; Bhaduri A. 1973 ; Korankendy, R. 1977, and I.R. Smith, 1979. In India co-operative activities have

been developed by Central and State Government. Co-operative activity has also affected the fishing activities. Studies regarding the co-operative activities in fisheries are done by F.A.O. of the United Nations, 1971 ; Ponnuthurai, K.S. 1977 ; Chopra B.N. (Eds) 1951 ; Subba Rao, N. 1983, etc.

We can visualise from above paragraphs that ; most of the scholars have studied the problems of management, marketing, co-operation etc., but economic problems of a fisherman and his family are not studied in details. However there are some studies (but very few), which have analysed economic problems of the fisherman community, but most of them focus on income and saving behaviour of them. As far as my knowledge is concerned no work has been done which gives entire picture of economic condition of fisherman communities of Saurashtra region. I think that, by studying all the economic aspects of the fisherman's community of Saurashtra region, makes an original and additional contribution to the existing knowledge in this subject.

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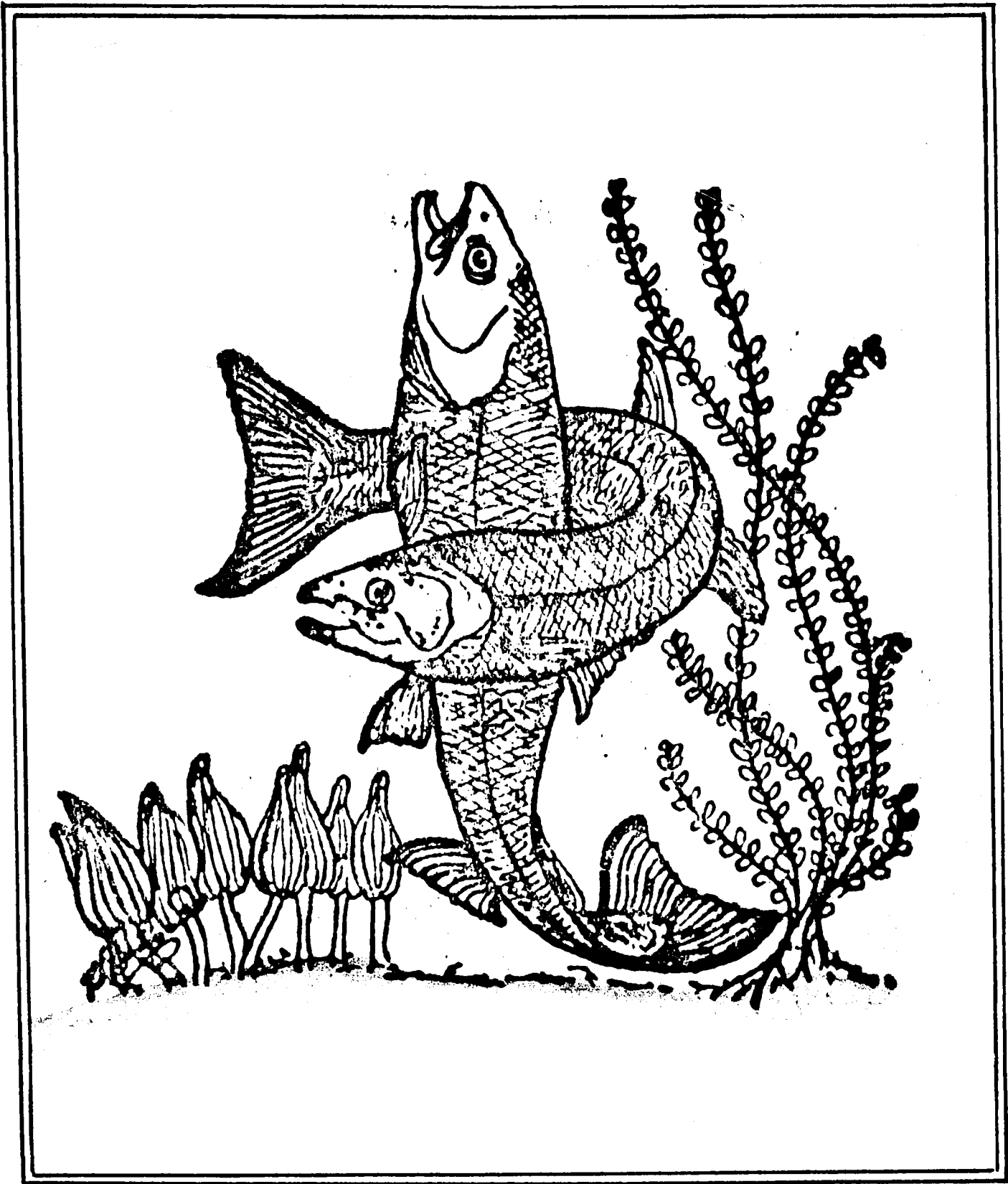
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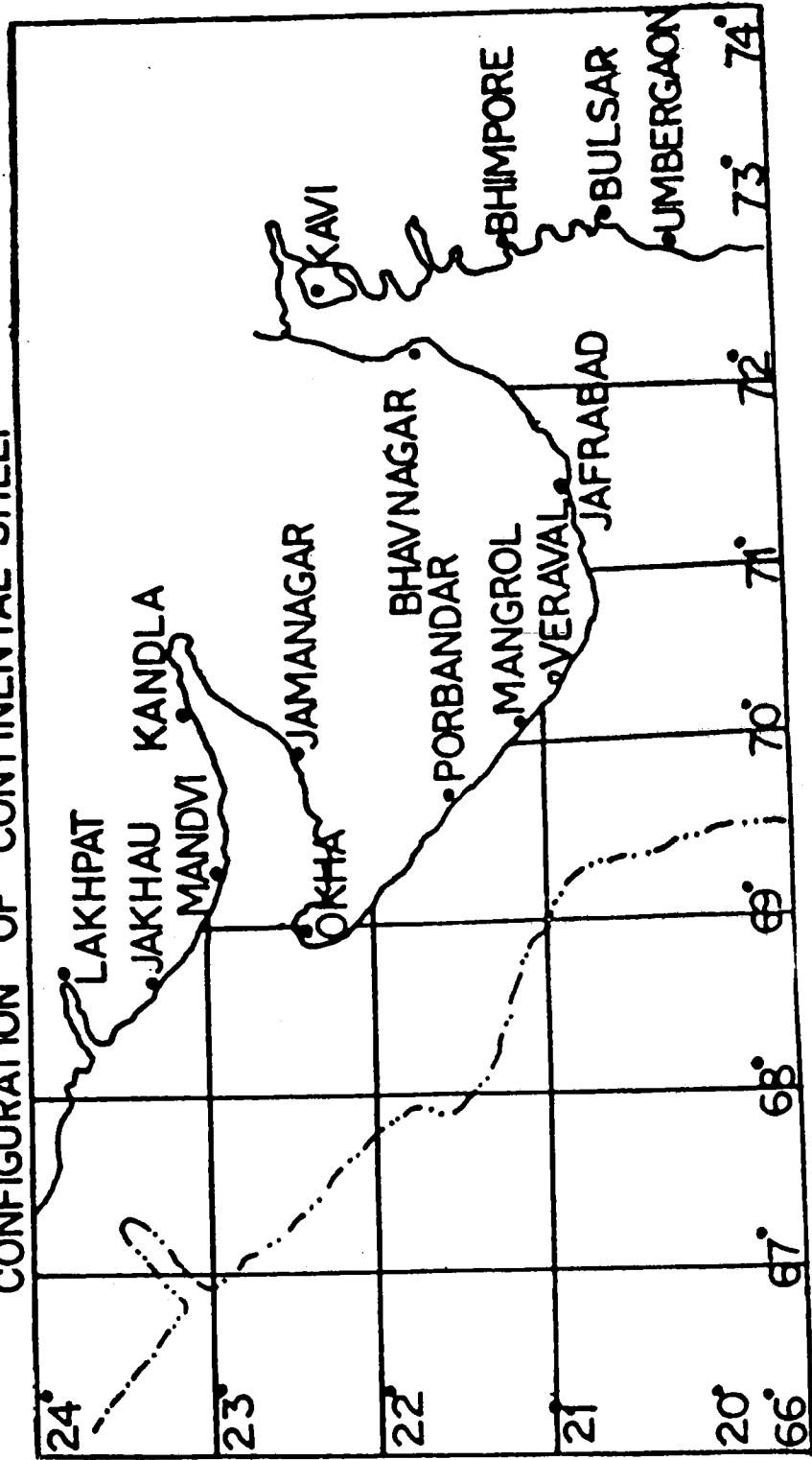
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