

A major conservation concern is the interaction of different gears with ETP (Endangered, Threatened and Protected) species in Kerala. The expanded database of CMFRI allows us to examine this in the long term. The maximum interaction was observed with MGN followed by MDTN, MTN and OBHL (Fig). In terms of the percentage of the catch, it formed less than 0.05% of the total. In MDTN, there were only 3 interactions with ETP in the last 35 years and it formed only 0.027% of the catch. Many gears such as MPS and MRS did not record any interaction with ETP species. (from E Varghese et al MS)

