



54-year-old Lenka Lakshmi with her husband, 61-year-old Sukura, drying the ribbon fish, at the Arjyapalli fishing harbour Jetty, in the village Arjyapalli, Block Chatrapur, District Ganjam, Odisha, India. They bought this lot of fish two days back from the fishermen at the Arjyapalli Jetty.

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Lenka Lakshmi is soaking the fish in the salt water, in the Arjyapalli village, Ganjam District, Odisha.

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Lenka Lakshmi spreads the fish to dry after the fish were soaked in the salty water for three days.

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Lenka Lakshmi packed the dried fish in to baskets to be sold in the market.

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On her way to the market, she balances tall stacks of fish baskets with practiced ease—loading them onto vehicles before heading out to sell the day’s catch.

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She is spreading the fish out to dry, preparing them for processing and sale in the market.

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