Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu, at the southern tip of mainland India, is where the waters of the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal come together. Sri Lanka, situated 22 miles off the southern coast of India where some of the richest fishing grounds are located. The Indian Ocean is vital for the economy and food production for small islands like Sri Lanka. In Sri Lanka, over 2.7 million fishermen from the 15 coastal districts depend on fisheries for their livelihood. This accounts for over 1.3 percent of the country's GDP. It is estimated that nearly 50,000 boats and trawlers operate out of the 25 fisheries harbors.