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HOT WATER
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Unicef comes to the rescue
Texas coast, the giants are denser than anyone can remember in the Port Aransas area. One species — the red mangrove — is now as north as Port O’Connor.

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HEATING UP
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The brown fish species, common to the southern Gulf of Mexico and Florida coast, was caught in all Texas bays for the first time in 2000-01.

BY DANA CAPPELLO
SPORTS EDITOR

R ESURPERS — Jim Ellis isn’t just the oldest shrimper in Aransas Bay. In his 70s, he is nearly 50 years older than his named boat, the Blue Mist. He was 3 when his dad, who owned a local fish shop, took him out on his first shrimping trip in 1938.

Through the years, Ellis has weathered price changes, spikes in the cost of fuel, bad weather and the occasional hurricanes. But the biggest threat to shrimpers this year, he said, has been the thermostat.

Temperatures will make or break the season this year,” Ellis said, standing inside Fishing’s Best Shop, the pink shed on the edge of Rockport Harbor he has owned for 11 years. “This is the worst I have seen it for the last five years. Water temperatures rising in the majority of the state’s bays, which rise and fall with the seasons and long-term ocean cycles, but increased by nearly 1 degree over the past 25 years, the water temperatures in the majority of the state’s bays, which rise and fall with the seasons and long-term ocean cycles, but increased by nearly 1 degree over the past 25 years, the water temperatures in the majority of the state’s bays.

Though research has documented an increase in ocean temperatures worldwide, a warning that many scientists think is caused by the buildup of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, a single fisherman is hard-pressed to say global warming is causing the water to heat up along America’s coasts. Research has shown that in the past decade bays from Seattle to Maryland have been getting warmer.

Records dating to 1978 for the Gulf of Mexico document an increase in water temperatures of 1 degree.

“We don’t have a lot of data on our bays,” Ellis said. “I wish we did.”

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Fish species more common to the southeastern Gulf of Mexico and Florida coast, such as red snapper, are rarely found in Texas bays for the first time in a generation. To the credit of those in the management camps who have long battled against what they considered poor policies, the species represented only 0.40 percent of all fish caught. Last year, when the season was cut short by about a month, Ellis said his catch was "way down." He said his catch was "way down," he said. "It's not the penny, it's the perception. Investors always want to own a stock that's beating expectations, not disappointing."