

## **Prongs Lighthouse**

1874 (lightship station established 1842). Active; focal plane 41 m (135 ft); white flash every 10 s.

44 m (144 ft) round tapered stone tower with lantern and two galleries, mounted on a stone pier. 1st order Fresnel lens in use.

The tower is painted in three horizontal bands, red, white, and black respectively. A <u>photo</u> and a <u>view</u> from shore are available, Google has a good <u>satellite view</u>, and Huelse has a historic <u>postcard image</u>. This historic offshore lighthouse, marking the entrance to Mumbai Harbour, replaced the onshore Colaba Point lighthouse.

It is one of the few offshore lighthouses in the world still staffed. In its early days, it was one of the few lighthouses equipped with a cannon to repel pirates.

Located about 2.5 km (1.5 mi) south of Colaba Point, the southernmost point of Salsette Island. Accessible only by boat. Site and tower closed. Operator/site manager: <u>Mumbai Port Trust</u>. ARLHS IND-007; Admiralty F0514; NGA 27952.