

# Note on a stranded Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin

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A dead specimen of the Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin, *Sousa chinensis* was found washed ashore at Konad beach (11° 16' N; 75° 45' E), Kozhikode on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2016. The specimen was an adult female and measured 243 cm in Total Length (TL), having characteristic 36 and 34 pairs of teeth in the upper and lower jaws respectively. The morphometric characters were recorded (Table 1). An injury was found on the ventral region close to the vent but cause of its death could not be ascertained.



Fig. 1. Beached *Sousa chinensis*

Table 1. Morphometric measurements of the stranded Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin

Morphometrics	Measurement (cm)
Snout to melon	25
Snout to angle of mouth	36
Snout to blowhole	44
Snout to centre of eye	42
Snout to anterior insertion of dorsal fin	95
Snout to tip of dorsal fin	140
Snout to fluke notch	239
Snout to anterior insertion of flipper	53
Snout to centre of genital aperture	162
Snout to centre of anus	173
Flipper length	32
Flipper width (maximum)	44
Fluke width	67
Dorsal fin height	6
Girth (axillary)	140
Girth (at the level of origin of dorsal fin)	144
Girth (at level of anus)	90