

Baleen whale washed ashore at Neendakara

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On 9th October 2016, a baleen whale, *Balaenoptera* sp measuring 15.5m in total length was washed ashore at Neendakara Landing Centre, Kollam (Fig. 1). The animal was in highly decayed condition and identification to species level was difficult. The local fisherman reported that the animal was found drifting in the offshore for a couple of days before it got washed ashore. The Local Body authorities later buried the animal on the beach itself



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