

Sea cow *Dugong dugon* (Muller) washed ashore dead at Rameswaram

The sea cow *Dugong dugon* (Muller), a highly endangered marine mammal is listed under the Schedule-I, Part I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. On 6th April, 2010 was a sea cow washed ashore dead at Rameswaram fish landing centre. A deep cut measuring 147cm was observed on the ventral side of the animal, which indicated an attempted slaughter of the animal. The sea cow was a well-grown adult female and weighed approximately 500kg.

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The dead sea cow washed ashore at Rameswaram fish landing centre