

Stranding of dolphins along north Andhra Pradesh coast



Grampus griseus at Rushikonda beach, Visakhapatnam



Sousa chinensis at Sagarnagar area, Visakhapatnam

On 6th November 2021, a Risso's Dolphin, *Grampus griseus* (G. Cuvier, 1812) which measured as 230 cm in total length was stranded on the

Rushikonda beach, Visakhapatnam. Reported stranding of this species from coast of Andhra Pradesh is rare. On 22nd September 2021, a Long-

beaked common dolphin, *Delphinus capensis* Gray, 1828 was washed ashore at Kambalarayudupeta, Srikakulam. It measured 138



Delphinus capensis at Kambalarayudupeta, Srikakulam



Sousa chinensis at Rushikonda beach, Visakhapatnam

cm in total length and weighed approximately 38 kg and exact cause of the death was unclear. Similarly, Humpback dolphin, *Sousa chinensis* was recorded at Sagarnagar and Rushikonda beaches, Visakhapatnam on 8th April 2021 and 11th September 2021 respectively

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