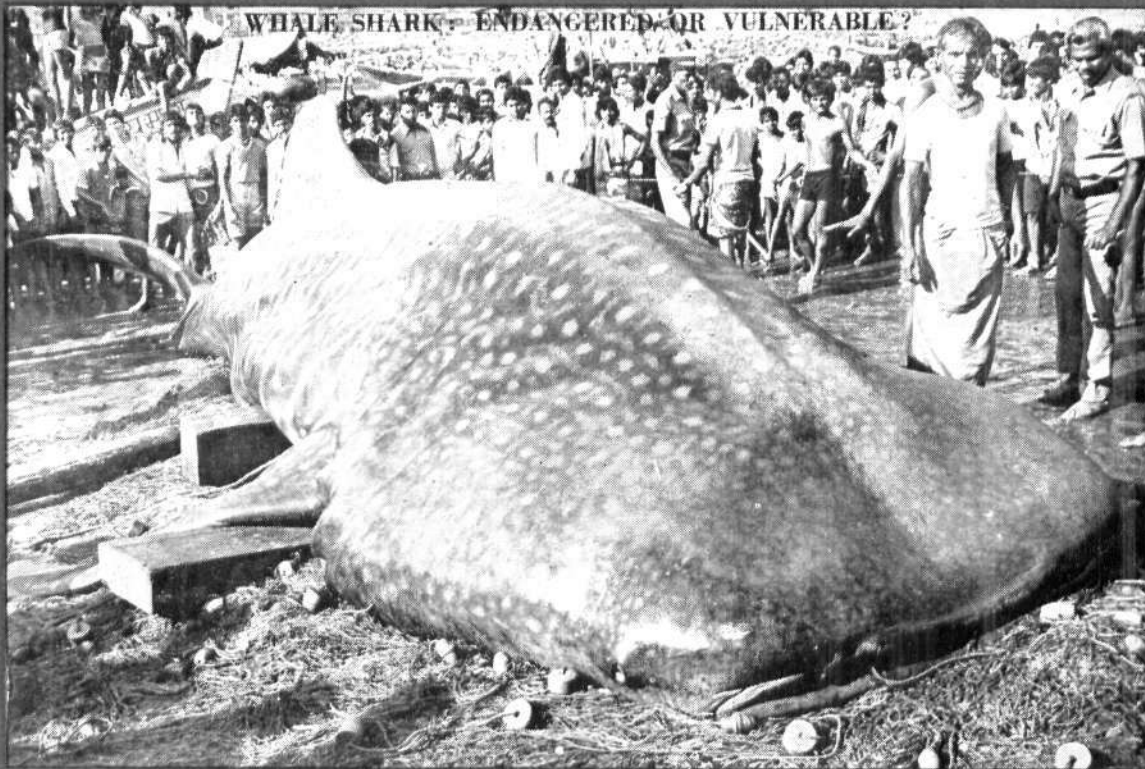




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ON THE LANDING OF A WHALE SHARK *RHINCODON TYPUS* SMITH AT ANJUNA, GOA*

On 29-1-1981 at about 0300 hrs. a female whale shark weighing 2.2 tonnes was entangled in a nylon gill net operated by fishermen off Anjuna, Goa at a depth of 27 m. The shark was towed ashore with the help of 16 fishermen from four canoes. This is the first record of *Rhincodon typus* from this area. Details of morphometric measurements of the species (in cm) are given below:

1. Total length	...	570		6. Vertical height of second dorsal fin	...	55
2. Standard length	...	455		7. Length of caudal fin from caudal pit along upper margin	...	145
3. Girth of body (maximum)	...	255		8. Length of caudal fin from caudal pit along lower margin	...	90
4. Width of mouth (angle to angle)		90		9. Snout to first dorsal fin	...	265
5. Vertical height of first dorsal fin	...	95		10. Snout to second dorsal fin	...	400
				11. Snout to pectoral fin	...	135
				12. Snout to first gill opening	...	120
				13. Inter-space between first and second dorsal fins	...	67

The liver of the shark weighed 50 kg and yielded 20 litres of quality oil and five litres of mixed poor quality oil.

*Reported by P. V. Doiphode, Directorate of Fisheries, Panaji, Goa

