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ON THE LANDING OF A WHALE SHARK \textit{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 \textit{Rhincodon typus} from this area. Details of morphometric measurements of the species (in cm) are given below:

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

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

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