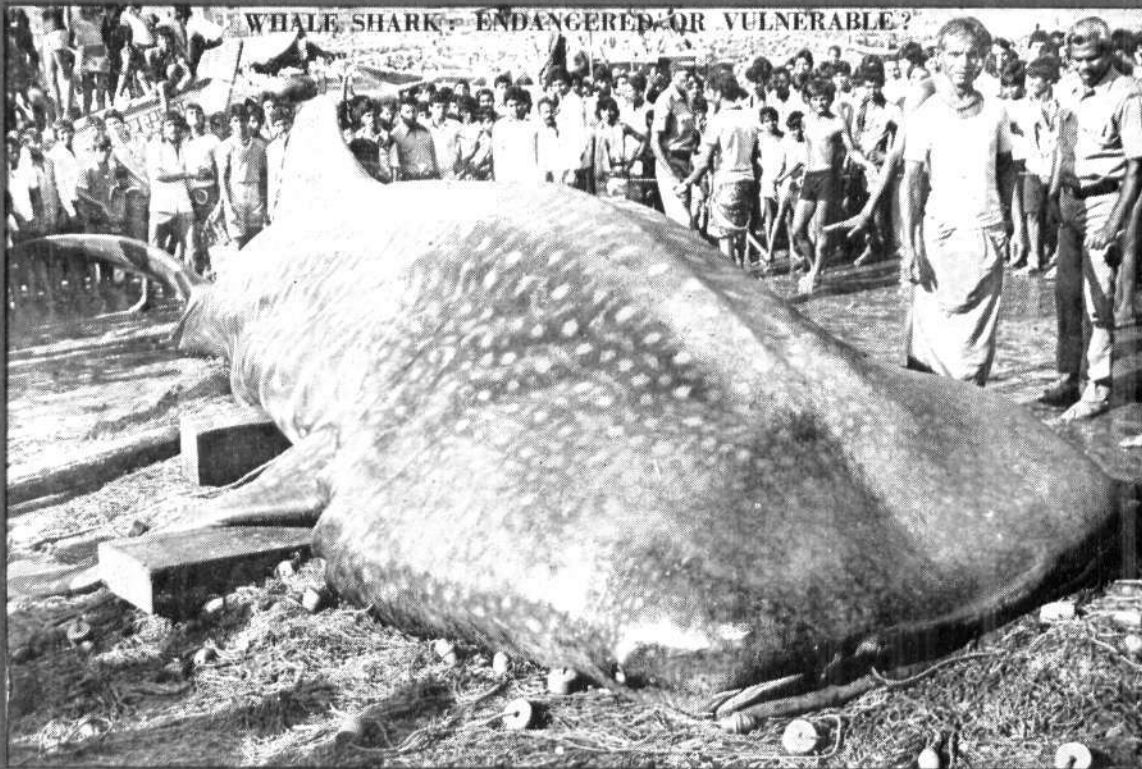




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REPORT ON THE CATCH OF A JUVENILE WHALE SHARK *RHINCODON TYPUS* SMITH AT KEELAKARAI, GULF OF MANNAR*

A juvenile whale shark measuring 3.15 m in total length was caught at 0500 hrs on 7-2-'83 in the gill net (*Pachivalai*) operated by a 9 m mechanised boat off Keelakarai. It was estimated to weigh about 1.5 tonnes.

*Reported by P. Nammalwar, Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI, Mandapam.

The whale shark was cut into pieces immediately after the landing and buried in the seashore on 7-2-'83. Therefore, morphometric measurements and photograph of the whale shark could not be taken. However, on 8-2-'83, it was exhumed, and from the remains of the head and the caudal flukes the specimen was identified as *Rhincodon typus* Smith.

