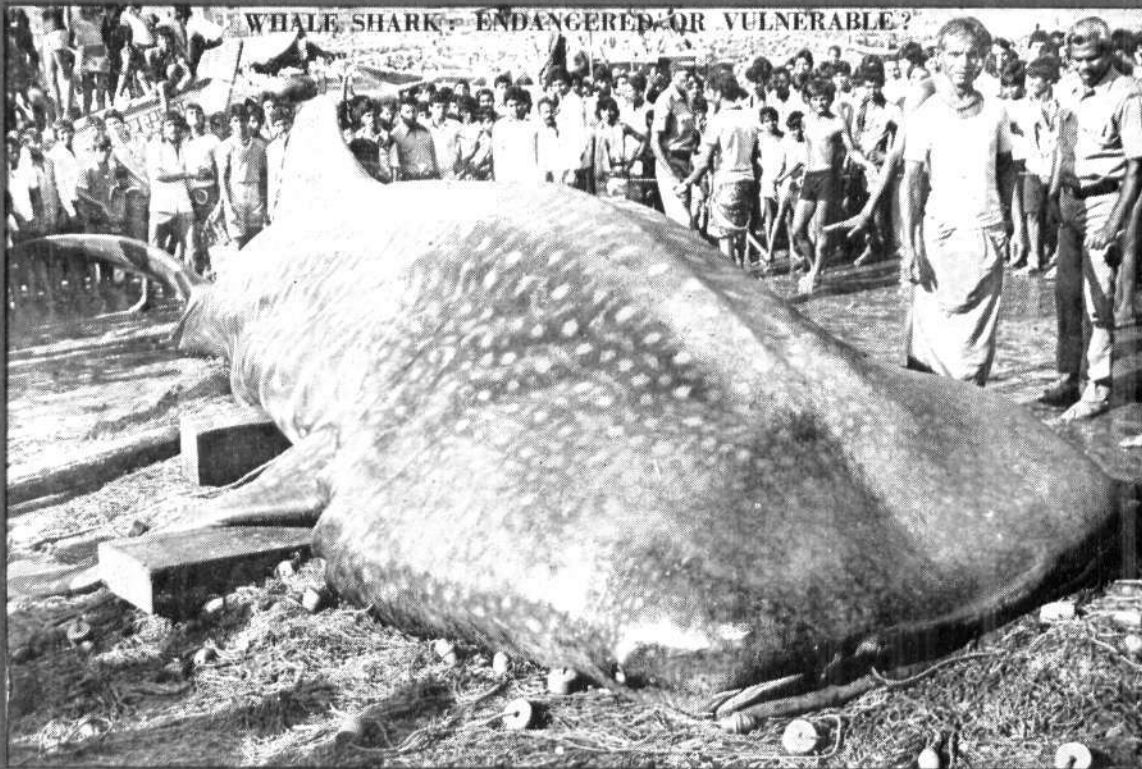




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ON THE LANDING OF *RHINCODON TYPUS* SMITH ALONG ADIRAMPATINAM COAST, TANJORE DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU *

While operating bottom-set gill net (*Kalaivalai*) on 19-10-'85 at 8 m depth in Palk Strait off Adirampatinam, Shri Veerabadran, a boatman of Karayur, netted a whale shark and towed it the same day to the landing centre. The animal was alive until it reached the shore. It is reported that since last 30 years this is the first time such a huge whale shark has been

caught in this area. The measurements taken (in cm) are as follows:

1. Total length	...	900
2. Height of body	...	210
3. Girth of body	...	450
4. Length of first fin (pectoral)	...	123
5. Length of second fin (pectoral)	...	120
6. Dorsal fin	...	115
7. Second dorsal fin	...	85
8. Length of caudal fin	...	198

*Reported by A. Ganapathy, Field Centre of CMFRI, Pattukottai.

