

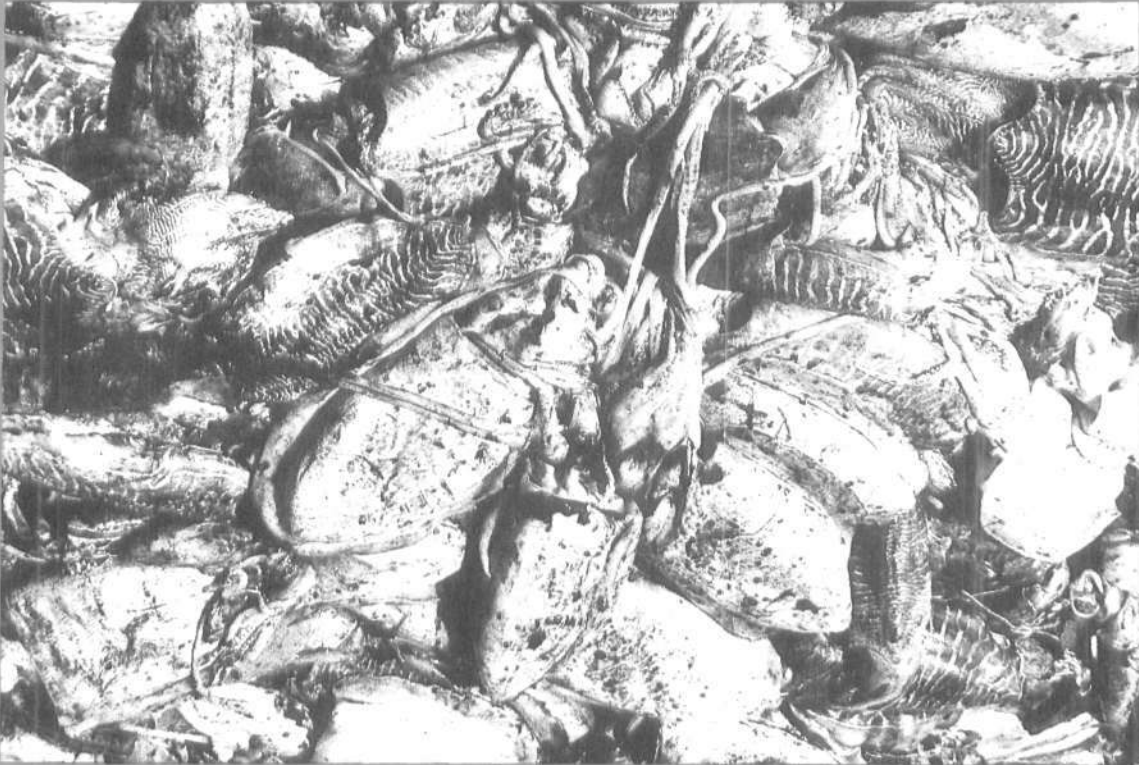


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NOTE ON A WHALE SHARK, *RHINCODON TYPUS* LANDED AT BEYPORE, CALICUT *

On 28 - 2 - '91, a juvenile male whale shark was caught in ring net off Beypore from a depth of 20 m. Its morphometric measurements (m) are given below :

Total length	:	3.27
Fork length	:	2.86
Standard length	:	2.54
Snout to first dorsal	:	1.45
Snout to second dorsal	:	2.12

Length of pectoral along outer margin	:	0.57
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Length of upper caudal fluke	:	0.73
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Length of lower caudal fluke	:	0.29
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Inter orbital distance	:	0.65
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This is the smallest one recorded so far from the west coast of India.

* Reported by M. Sivadas, Calicut Research Centre of CMFRI, Calicut - 673 005.