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ON A BALEEN WHALE LANDED AT PUDUMANA KUPPAM, MADRAS DISTRICT*

A female Baleen whale of the species *Balaenoptera physalus* was landed at Pudumanaikuppam along the

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Tamil Nadu coast on 15-6-1988 by a 10 m long mechanised fishing boat. The catch was made at 40 m depth. The body measurements of the whale (in cm) are given below:



Fig. 1. Dorso-lateral view of the Baleen whale landed at Madras.



Fig. 3. Posterior portion of the whale showing the caudal flukes.

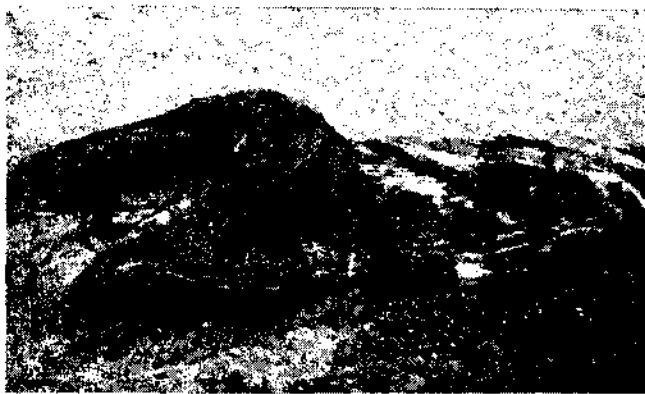


Fig. 2. Anterior portion of the whale showing the throat grooves extending upto the umbilicus.

Total length	469
Length from tip of snout to centre of eye	67
Length from tip of upper jaw to anterior insertion of flipper	111
Length from tip of upper jaw to origin of dorsal fin	275
Length of flipper	52
Length of upper jaw	69
Length of lower jaw	8
Distance between the extremities of caudal flukes	71
Depth of body near flipper	95
Approximate weight	1 tonne

