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Tip of snout to origin of caudal fluke	130
Tip of snout to origin of flipper	32
Flipper length (outer margin)	27
Flipper length (inner margin)	22
Length of eye	3.5
Width of eye	2.5
Weight (approximate)	80 kg.



Fig. 1. Sea cow *Dugong dugon* stranded at Mandapam.

930 The stranding of seacow '*Dugong dugon* (Muller) at Mandapam, Gulf of Mannar

A male seacow *Dugong dugon* (Muller) (Fig. 1) was stranded in dead condition near Ayyanar Koil shore at Mandapam on 28-03-'99. The animal weighed around 80 kg. The skin of the upper head portion and the caudal peduncle was peeled off probably due to attack from the fishes. The intestine of the animal protruded outside. Since the animal was found in semi-decomposed condition it was buried without delay. Morphometric measurements of the seacow is given in Table 1.

TABLE 1 Morphometric measurements (cm.) of Seacow *Dugong dugon*

Tip of snout to end of caudal fluke	162
Tip of snout to origin of eye	14.5

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