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On two species of marine turtles stranded at Mandapam

A female olive ridely turtle *Lepidochelys olivacea* was stranded on 21.7.2000 near CMFRI jetty at Gulf of Mannar coast. Another female green turtle *Chelonia mydas* was stranded on 6.9.2000 at the same place. Both the turtles had severe injuries resulting in death in the sea and then stranded. Their carapace length was 58, 82 cm' and width 56, 62 cms respectively.

The morphometric measurements (cm) of the turtles are given below.

Body characters	(Measurements in cms)	
	Olive ridely turtle	Green turtle
Carapace length	58	82
Carapace width	56	62
Head length	17	-
Plastron length	48	66
Plastron width	44	57
Anterior flipper length	43	46
Anterior flipper width	10	14
Posterior flipper length	24	-
Posterior flipper width	10	-
Weight in kg	40	50

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