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A Whale shark caught at Dandi (Malvan) landing centre, Maharashtra

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On 10th January 2008, a whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) was entangled in Nahijal net at 35 m

biologist tried to clean its gills, which were full of mud and nursed its injuries. Even after several hours of



Fig. 1. The whale shark being dragged to the Dandi landing centre



Fig. 2. The field staff measuring the length of whale shark



Fig. 3. Whale shark landed at Dandi landing centre

depth, 20 km away from Malvan sea shore and was dragged to the Dandi landing centre (Fig. 1 to 4). The shark was alive at the time of landing. A local marine



Fig. 4. The whale shark being buried at the seashore

caretaking, it could not be saved. The total length of the shark was about 5 m and weight was 2 t. It was buried with the help of JCB Machine at the shore on 11/01/08.