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On 20th June 2005, a female whale shark *Rhincodon typus* entangled in a *ozhukuvala* net at about 1000 hrs from 45 meter depth was dragged to the Vizhinjam landing centre. As it was alive when entangled in the net, attempts were made to rescue it. Towards approaching the shore, it died and hence it was tied with nylon rope and brought ashore. The total length was about 8.0 meters and its

weight was about 1600 kg.

It was auctioned for Rs 1600/- and subsequently another merchant procured it (Rs. 6000/-) for extracting oil from the liver. The liver was weighing about 100kg and may yield 30 litres of oil.

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