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**ON A HAWKSBILL TURTLE WASHED ASHORE NEAR THONDI
ALONG PALKBAY COAST OF TAMIL NADU***

An adult Hawksbill turtle washed ashore at Narendal, a small fishing village along Palkbay coast near Thondi in Tamil Nadu is reported here. The animal was found in a dead condition on the shore on 20.4.1994.

The morphometric measurements in cm. are given below.

Total length	..	..	50
Carapace length	..	..	45

Lateral scutes	..	..	4	pairs
Central scutes	..	..	5	Nos
Marginal scutes	..	..	11	pairs
Precentral scutes	..	..	2	

A number of barnacles were found attached to all the scutes of the carapace and the dorsal and ventral sides of the flippers of the turtle.

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