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**Finless black porpoise *Neophocaena phocaenoides*,
G.Cuvier landed at Sassoon Dock**

A finless black porpoise *Neophocaena phocaenoides*, was caught in a dolnet operating off Mumbai Harbour at a depth of about 15 meters and landed at Sassoon dock landing centre on 05-05-2003. The specimen with the following morphological measurements could be identified easily as *N.phocaenoides* due to the black colour, absence of dorsal fin, beak and rounded forehead.

Character	Deminsion. in cms
Total length	80.0
Distance from tip of snout to blow hole	12.0
Distance from tip of snout to centre of eye	10.0
Distance from tip of snout to anterior insertion of flipper	20.0
Distance from tip of snout to centre of anus	52.0
Width at the origin of flukes	05.0

Length of the flipper from the anterior insertion to tip	20.0
Length of the flipper along the curve of the lower border	13.5
Depth of the body at anal region	12.0
Depth of the body at the origin of flipper	16.0
Depth of the body at the origin of eye	15.0
Length of lower jaw	05.5
Length of upper jaw	05.0
Diameter of eye	01.5
Number of teeth on one side of upper jaw	16
Number of teeth on one side of lower jaw	15
Weight (approximately) in kg.	12.0

As there was no demand for the flesh, the specimen was thrown back to sea.

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