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Landing of Spinner dolphin, *Stenella longirostris* at Mangalore

Five male Spinner dolphins, *Stenella longirostris* were landed at Mangalore fishing harbour on 08-09-2004 by gillnetters. Taxonomically it was identified with the help of the following characters. Dorsal fin slightly falcate to canted forward, beak exceedingly long and slender, 45 to 65 nos. of very fine sharply pointed teeth in each row on the jaw. Sex was distinguished by the presence of mammary slits in female and their absence in male.

Again after two days (on 10-04-2004), ten Spinner dolphins were landed at Mangalore Fishing harbour by gillnetters. Among them, two were young ones. Total length of other eight animals ranged from 1 to 1.1 m. Of the ten dolphins, six were males. Measurement could not be taken as all the ten dolphins were immediately disposed by auction.

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