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A NOTE ON A WHALE SHARK RHINCODON TYPUS LANDED AT COOPERAGE LANDING CENTRE, BOMBAY*

On 16-03-1993 a female Whale shark, which got entangled in a monofilament gill net (14 cm mesh size) was landed alive at Cooperage landing centre, Bombay at 1000 hrs and died at about 1400 hrs.

Details of the morphometric measurements recorded in cm are given below

Total length of fish (from tip of the snout to tip of upper caudal lab	665
Standard length (from snout to caudal pit)	550
Head length	160
Width of mouth	95
Tip of snout to first gill opening	110
Tip of snout to last gill opening	160
Tip of snout to end of first dorsal fin	289
Tip of snout to end of first dorsal fin	350
Distance between the nostrils	67

Distance between the end of first dorsal fin and origin of second dorsal fin	85
Distance between eyes	123
Height of upper caudal lobe	158
Height of the lower caudal lobe	98
Diameter of the eyes	65
Width of second dorsal fin	26
Height of first dorsal fin	82
Height of second dorsal fin	37
Length of pectoral fin	117
Height of pectoral fin	98
Base of pectoral fin	50
Girth of first dorsal	50
Aproximate weight (t)	307

As there were no buyers in the local market the fish was thrown back to sea by tying a heavy sinker to its body.

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