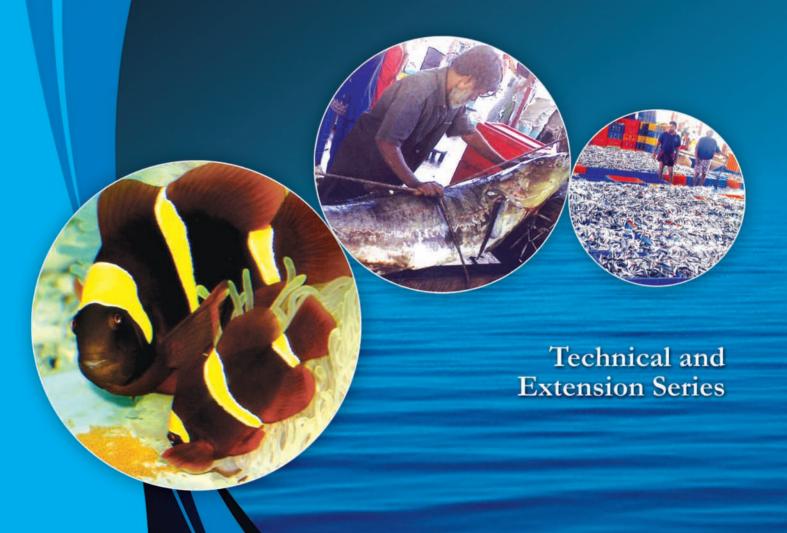
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Stranding of a baleen whale (*Balaenoptera* sp.) at Thalikulam Landing Centre, Thrissur District, Kerala

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baleen whale was found washed ashore at Thalikulam Landing Centre (Thrissur District, Kerala) on 23.04.2009. Total length was 14.5 m and weight was approximately 10 t. Since the whale was in highly putrified condition, other morphometric measurements could not be taken.

Total length (snout to caudal fluke) - 14.5 m

Length of flipper - 1.8 m

Caudal fluke - 2.6 m







Carcass of stranded baleen whale at Thalikkulam Landing Centre