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1147 Stranding of two baleen whales (*Balaenoptera* spp.) at Murudeswara beach and Padukere, Karnataka coast.

A whale was washed ashore, in dead condition at Murudeswara beach, Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka on 24.11.2005. The whale caracas was found in a highly decomposed state, so detailed morphometric measurements and species identity could not be made. It was identified as baleen whale belonging to the genus *Balaenoptera*. The total length of the whale was 18.3 m with a maximum body diameter of 2.4 m. The weight was approximately estimated as 10 tonnes.

Another whale was found washed ashore in a decayed condition at Padukere near

Ramamandir , Udupi district, Karnataka on 02.12.2005. This whale was also identified as baleen whale belonging to the genus *Balaenoptera*. The total length of the whale was 5.5 m. The head and tail portion were separated from the body and washed ashore.

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