

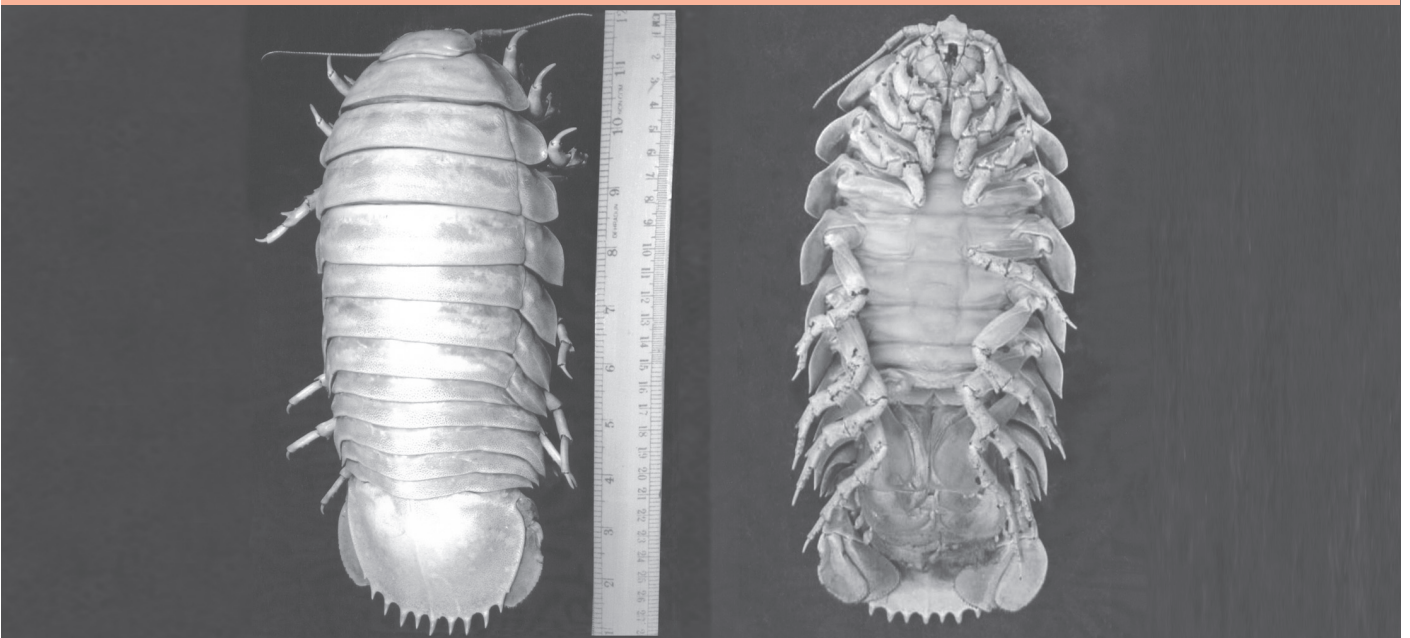
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**Whale shark, *Rhincodon typus*
landed at Mandapam, Gulf of Mannar**

On 11.01.2006, a male whale shark, *Rhincodon typus* measuring 8.2m in length and approximately 3 tonnes in weight was caught in pair trawl net operated 30 kms away from the shore in Gulf of Mannar at a depth of 55m. It was brought to the shore at Mandapam landing centre around 10 hrs. As the whale shark is an endangered

species the matter was informed the Ranger Office, Gulf of Mannar project, Mandapam camp for further action.

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