A whale was reported to have been washed ashore on 18-5-'85 at 1530 hours along Pudupatinam sea shore near Adhiramapatinam (10° 16'N latitude; 79° 19'E longitude). It was possible to reach the place only on 28th as the information reached rather late.

At the time of the inspection most of the flesh had been either removed or in a semi putrified condition. Even on the day of stranding, the fishermen reported that the animal was badly wounded and in a decaying condition. The presence of baleen plates indicated that it was a species of *Balaenoptera* (Baleen whale). The approximate weight of the whale stranded was estimated as 3,000 kg. The animal (snout to tip of caudal) measured 930 cm with a maximum of 151 cm of body height and 112 cm depth near the head region.

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