

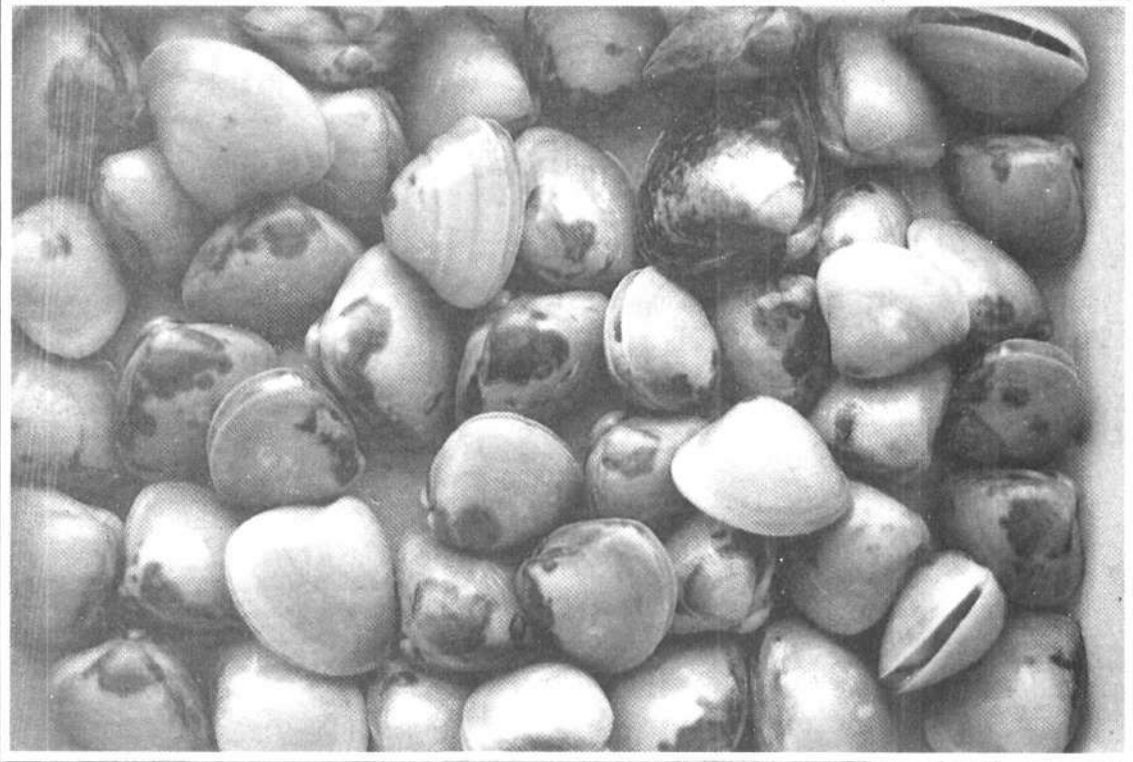


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On the landing of a whale shark, *Rhineodon typus* at Kaveripattinam*

A whale shark, *Rhineodon typus* Smith measuring 4.9 m in total length was landed at Kaveripattinam fish landing centre on 19-6-1996 (Fig. 1). The fish got entangled in a bag-net, *Eda valai* operated 7 km north of Kaveripattinam at a depth of 15 m and was brought to the shore by towing. Morphometric measurements (in cm) of the specimen are given below.

Total length	-	490
Length of pelvic fin	-	83
Height of first dorsal fin	-	50
Height of second dorsal fin	-	25
Length of caudal fin	-	130
Body depth	-	110
Length of mouth cleft	-	70
Approximate weight	-	2 tonnes



Fig. 1. The whale shark *Rhineodon typus* landed at Kaveripattinam.

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