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On the stranding of the common dolphin, *Delphinus delphis* at Murud Janjira

A dead male dolphin, *Delphinus delphis*, locally called 'Gadda' measuring 305 cm in total length was washed ashore in the early hours of 20-3-'97 at the sea shore of Murud Janjira (Fig. 1). It was understood that this dolphin was entangled in a monofilament gill net on the previous day and was discarded in the sea by fishermen by cutting part of the net. Piece of net with two fibre floats were found entangled in the upper jaw of the dolphin. The dolphin weighed about 250 kg with a flipper length of 54 cm.

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