



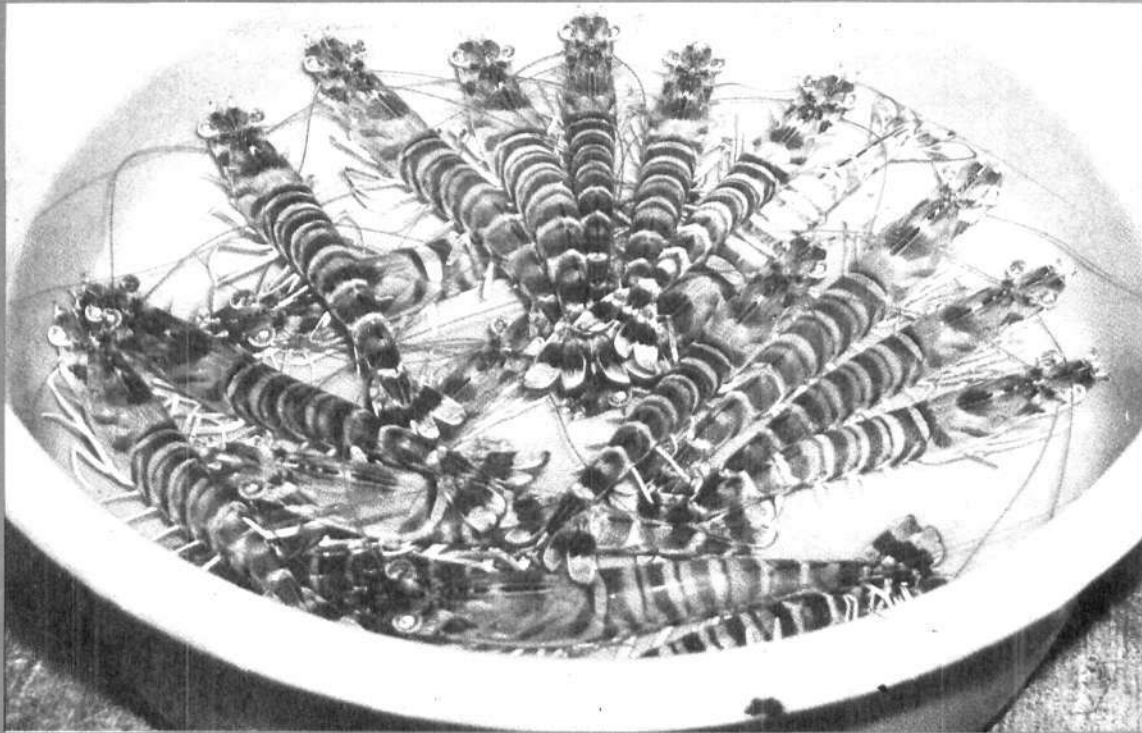
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**834 On the landing of dolphins at
Dummulapeta, East Godavari
District, Andhra Pradesh**

The common dolphin, *Delphinus delphis* is the species frequently entangled in the gill nets along the Indian coasts. The present report, pertains to the landing of two female specimens of *Delphinus delphis* at Dummulapeta landing centre got entangled in a gill net *Pandu vala* operated at a depth of 45 m (Fig.1). Few morphometric measurements (in cm) taken are given below.

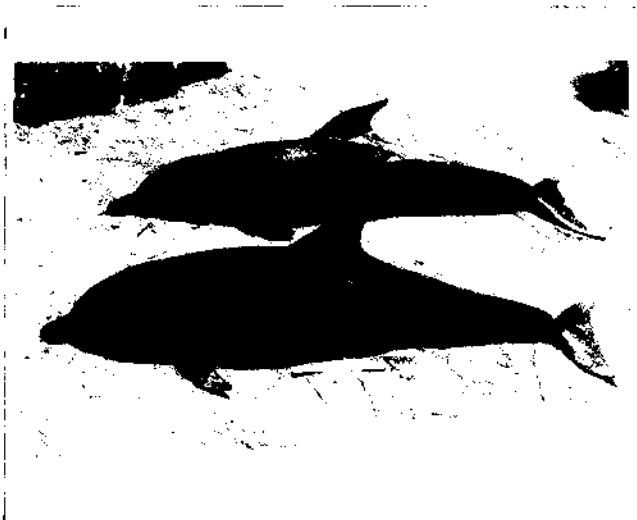


Fig. 1. The dolphins, *Delphinus delphis* entangled in gillnet.

Particulars	Specimen-1	Specimen-2
Total length	- 216	209
Head length	- 36	33
Girth of body	- 102	100
Snout to dorsal fin	- 99	96
Snout to anal fin	- 137	117
Length of dorsal fin	- 40	33
Length of pectoral fin	- 35	34
Length of caudal fin	- 56	49
Vertical height of dorsal fin	- 23	18
Length of dorsal fin base	- 33	30
Length of pectoral fin base	- 13	11
Length of jaw	- 29	27
Approximate weight (kg)	- 200	180

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