

Whale Sharks Land Near Mangalore

Three whale sharks *Rhincodon typus* ranging in length from 4.88-6.71 m were caught off Kaup on 20 January, 1981. Two more whale sharks measuring 7.90 m and 2.50 m each were landed at Malpe on 31

January. Off Kaup a chain of submerged rocks exists.

A female whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) measuring 3.81 m in length was landed at Karwar on 21 January, 1981. The specimen, first of its kind in Uttara Kannada District was captured by a purse seiner, Hemavathi at 18 m depth off Anjudev Island.

Stranding of a whale measuring 11.5 m was reported from Periathalai coast on 18 February. On receipt of the information a team of scientists visited the spot and identified the same as Baleen whale, *Balaenoptera sp.*