

Incidental catch of whale off Vizhinjam

A Baleen whale (*Balaenop-
tera sp*) was caught on 24 April
by a drift net operated 7 km off
Vizhinjam at 18-19 fathoms.
The whale was 6.25 m
long. It was reported by the
fishermen that when the whale
was being towed to the shore
several sharks attacked it and
tore portions of muscles from
the trunk region.

The lower jaw and por-
tions of the baleen plates are
displayed at the museum of
the Research Centre. (Obser-
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