Whale shark caught

A whale shark 'Rhiniodon typus' locally known as 'Bhera' was caught in trawl net at Makarebagh-Medha, Sindhudurg district (Maharashtra) on 21 Feb. The species was caught from a depth of 48 m and at a distance of 16 km from the shore. It was about 16 feet length weighing about 1.5 tonne. The length of the pectoral fin was 90 cm, where as length of the caudal fin was 120 cm.

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