

Landing of whale sharks

Two landings of whale sharks *Rhiniodon typus* were reported on 22 February and 3 March 1994 from Bhatkal and Ganguli in Karnataka by Shri Ganesh Bhatkal, Field Assistant. The first one was caught by a purse seiner at 40 m depth. It was about 2.5 m length and weighed about 300 kg. The flesh



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was sold at Rs. 600. The second one also was caught by a purse seiner at about 24 m depth and was brought ashore alive. The animal was 3 m in length and weighed 400 kg. It was sold for about Rs. 525. The liver was sent for oil extraction and the fins were dried.