

Longbeak common dolphin *Delphinus capensis* (Gray, 1828) stranded at Karwar, Karnataka

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A dead specimen of longbeak common dolphin *Delphinus capensis* (Gray, 1828), locally called 'handi meenu' which was floating approximately 500 m away from sea shore of Aligadda village, Karwar was brought ashore by fishermen and instructors of Karavali sports club in the morning hours of 08.01.2011.

The specimen was a male of 2.1 m total length and 127 kg weight. The animal had injuries on the right side of the dorsal fin with a hole on the body. During the post-mortem examination of the specimen, the said hole was found to be 5 inches deep with a damage in the right lung which might be the cause of death. Fresh fishes were observed in the stomach.

The specimen was collected by Forest Department officials and buried in the sea shore after postmortem.



Fig. 1. The longbeak common dolphin stranded at Karwar