

Stranding of baleen whale *Balaenoptera* sp. at Satpati Landing Centre, Thane District, Maharashtra

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A baleen whale was found washed ashore at Satpati Landing Centre, Thane District, Maharashtra on 01.04.2011 (Fig. 1). Total length was about 12 m and weight was approximately 10 t. Detailed morphometric measurements could not be taken as the whale was in highly putrefied condition. A deep cut was present on the body, may be due to the injury by the propeller of a vessel which could have caused the death of the animal. Fishermen poured kerosene on the carcass and buried it in the beach itself.



Fig. 1. Stranded baleen whale at Satpati Landing Centre, Maharashtra