

Spinner dolphin washed ashore at Puthenkadappuram, Thrissur

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A female dolphin *Stenella longirostris* (Grey, 1828) was washed ashore near Puthenkadappuram landing centre in Thrissur District on 23rd April 2012. The animal was in decayed condition and had an injury near anal base.

The body measurements recorded were :

Total length (Snout to notch

of caudal flukes) - 252 cm

Length of upper jaw - 39 cm

Length of lower jaw - 39 cm

Total number of teeth on each side:

Upper jaw - 45 to 45

Lower jaw - 46 to 48

Approximate weight - 200 kg



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