

Whale shark landings at Cochin Fisheries Harbour, Kerala

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A small whale shark *Rhincodon typus*, caught in gillnet was landed at Cochin Fisheries Harbour (CFH), Kerala on 20th November 2010. The whale shark was 17 kg in weight with a total length of 148 cm. Other morphometric measurements recorded are: standard length - 102 cm, pre-dorsal

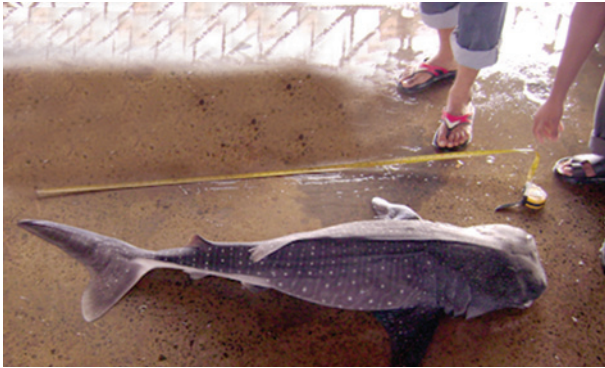


Fig. 1. *Rhincodon typus* landed at CFH on 20th Nov. 2010

length - 59 cm, pectoral length - 23 cm and snout length - 22 cm.

Another small whale shark *R. typus* was landed by a gill netter on 3rd February 2011 at CFH. It had an approximate weight of 19 kg and a total length of 172 cm.



Fig. 2. *Rhincodon typus* landed at CFH on 3rd Feb. 2011