on Migratory Species (CMS). The species is also included in the annexures of the Western Hemisphere Convention, intended to convey that their protection is of “special urgency and importance” (Eckert, 1995). Green turtles are vulnerable to several anthropogenic and environmental threats. Mortality associated with entanglement in marine fisheries is the primary incidental threat.

**Stranding of spinner dolphin, *Stenella longirostris* (Gray, 1828) at Karwar, Karnataka**

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A spinner dolphin, *Stenella longirostris*, locally called ‘handi meenu’ was noticed in dead condition floating near the marine cage farm of CMFRI, Karwar, approximately 600 m away, from sea shore of Aligadda village in the evening hours on 31st August 2012. The specimen was an adult female of 175 cm total length and 55 kg weight. The animal had a small injury near its left eye probably as a result of getting entangled in fishing nets or got injured in purse-seine operation which resulted in its death. The specimen was collected by officials of the Department of Forest and buried in the sea shore after postmortem.

**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