

Sperm whale stranded near Talashil landing centre of Maharashtra coast

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On 14th September 2012, a sperm whale *Physeter macrocephalus* was found stranded in dead condition near Talashil landing centre along the coast of Maharashtra (Fig. 1a & b). The whale (locally called 'tive') measured 13.7 m in total length with a body depth of 1.2 m (in the middle region of the body). The



carcass was in semidecomposed condition and was buried in the seashore with the help of JCB machine in the presence of Forest Department officials.



Fig. 1a & b. Sperm whale stranded near Talashil landing centre of Maharashtra coast