Carcass of Indo-Pacific finless porpoise reported

A petrified carcass of the mammal was found ashore at Attupuram (Companykadavu) region of Thrissur district, Kerala, southwest coast of India on 22nd June 2023. Based on field observations, the animal was identified to be a porpoise, noted for their absence of a dorsal fin and by a ridge

with circular small bump-like structure down the middle of the back. From this morphometric characteristic, the species was confirmed as Indo-Pacific finless porpoise (*Neophocaena phocaenoides*) from the family Phocoenidae. The measurements of a stranded Indo-Pacific finless porpoise are as follows: snout to notch of tail fluke 156 cm, snout to ear 23 cm, snout to eye 13 cm, blowhole length 6 cm, blowhole width 4 cm, snout to centre of anus 96 cm, total length 158 cm, and total weight approximately 60 kg

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