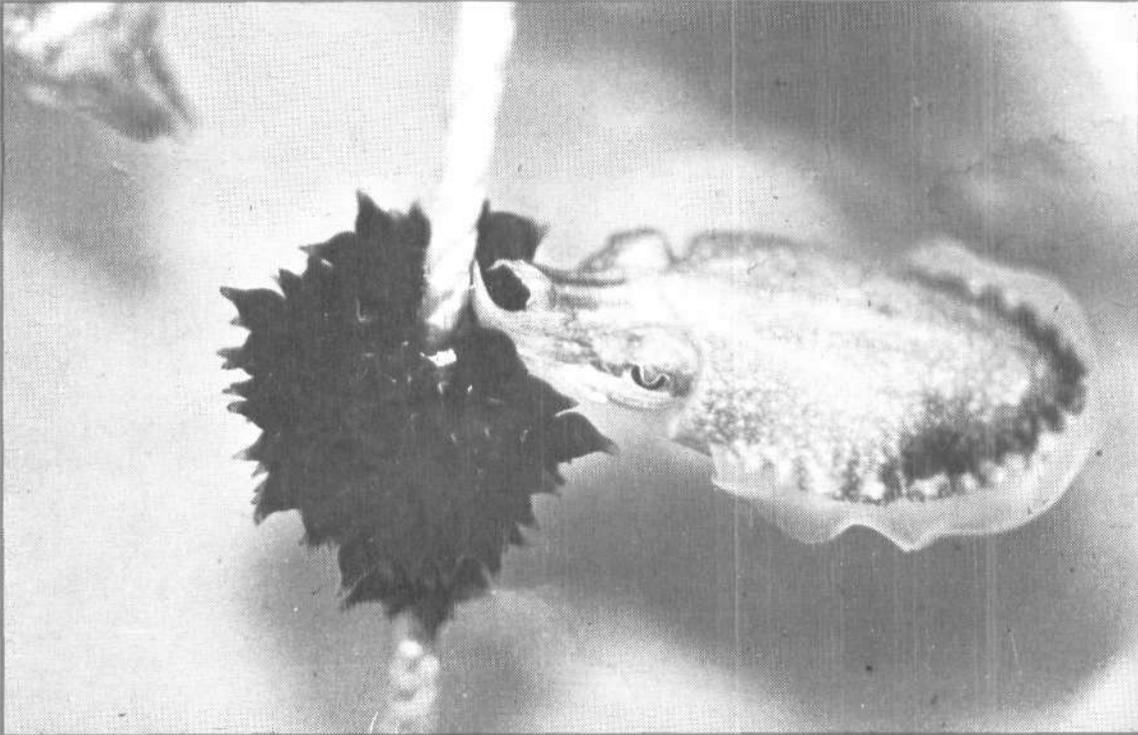




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**900 On a bottle-nose dolphin
stranded at Kovalam in Kerala**

On 5th September 1998, an Indian bottle-nose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus aduncus* Ehrenberg, 1833) was washed ashore at Ashoka beach in Kovalam. The carcass was in a decomposed condition and showed an injury near the right flipper (Fig. 1).

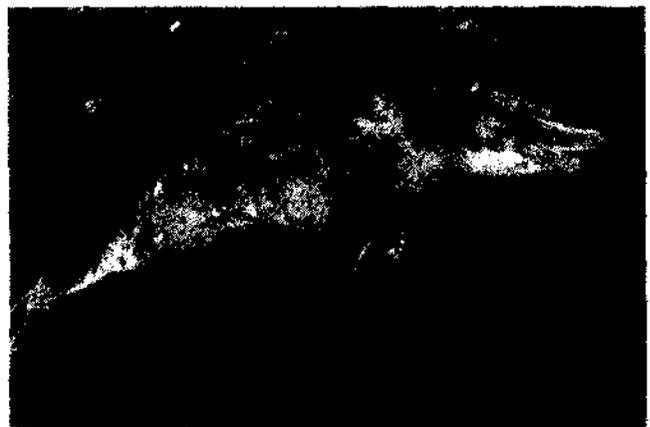


Fig. 1. The bottle-nose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus aduncus*) stranded at Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The following are the body measurements (cm)

Total length (snout to notch of caudal flukes).....	259
Tip of snout to blowhole.....	34
Tip of snout to centre of eye.....	35
Tip of snout to anterior insertion of flipper	57
Tip of snout to centre of anus	182
Length of flipper from anterior insertion to tip.....	35
Length of flipper along the curve of lower border	25
Width of body at anal region	20
Depth of body at anal region	40
Depth of body at origin of flipper	42
Depth of body at the origin of dorsal	50
Depth of body at the origin of eye.....	28
Length of upper jaw	29
Length of lower jaw	29
Diameter of eye	4
Distance between genital opening and anus	26
Total number of teeth on one side of upper jaw	24
Total number of teeth on one side of lower jaw	24
Sex	Male
Weight in kg (approx.)	150

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