



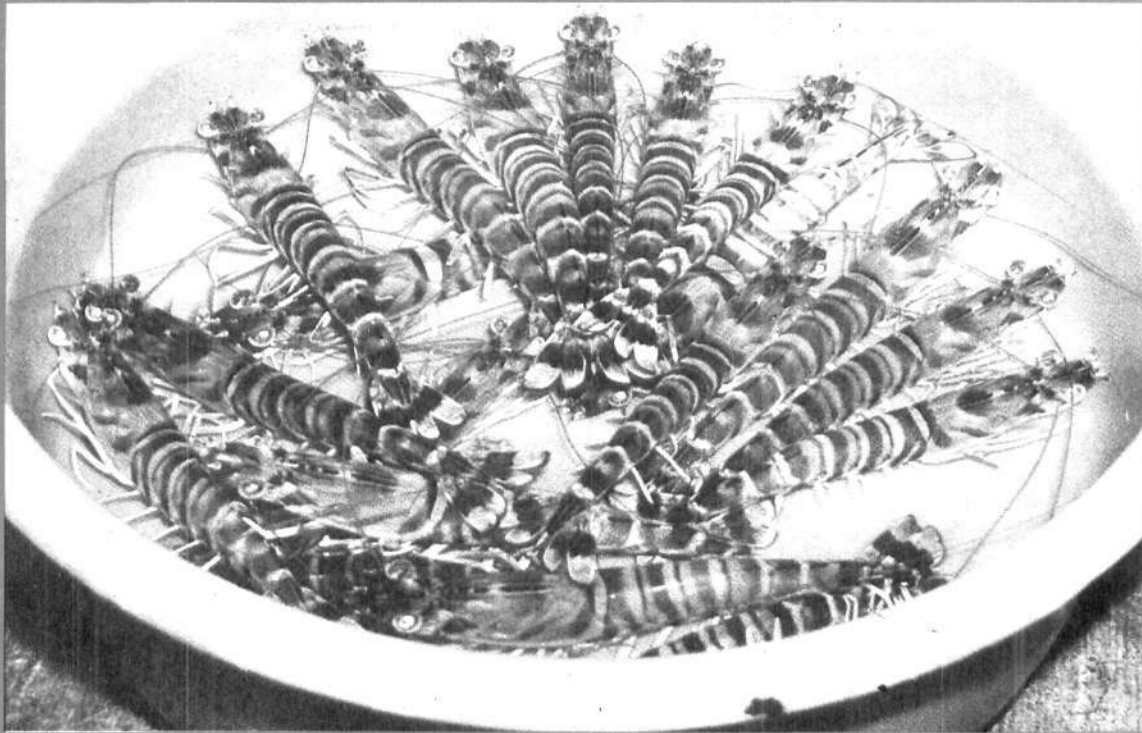
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There was no demand either for flesh or fins of these whale sharks.

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### **830 An instance of entangling Whale sharks, *Rhinodon typus* in shore seine**

An unusual instance of entangling three live whale sharks in the shoreseine, locally called *Pedda vala* occurred along the Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh. One whale shark measuring 5.5 m in total length was landed on 2-3-'97 at Yerramukkam landing centre by a shoreseine operated at a depth of 8 m. Another two whale sharks; one male and the other a female measuring 5.7 and 5.8 m respectively got entangled in shore seine operated at Iskapalem landing centre at a depth of 9 m. Detailed morphometric measurements in cm of these two specimens are given below.

Body particulars	Female	Male
Total length	584	571
Standard length	439	430
Girth of body	252	236
Width of mouth	108	97
Length of first dorsal fin	150	147
Length of second dorsal fin	63	59
Length from snout to first dorsal fin	212	208
Length from snout to second dorsal fin	334	327
Length of pectoral fin along outer margin	95	85
Length of caudal fin along upper margin	145	141
Length of first dorsal fin base	51	48
Length of second dorsal fin base	15	13
Length of pectoral fin base	47	44
Approximate weight	3 t	2.6 t