

A note on the finless porpoise washed ashore

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A male finless porpoise *Neophocaena phocaenoides* measuring 130 cm in total length was washed ashore off Konadu beach near Kozhikode on 1st August 2018 (Fig.1). The morphometric measurements of the partially

decomposed specimen is presented in Table 1. There were no injuries on its body and death might have been due to accidental entanglement in gillnet net or seine net.



Fig. 1. Carcass of *N. phocaenoides* washed ashore

Table 1. Morphometric measurements of *N. phocaenoides*

Particulars	Length (cm)
Snout to the angle of mouth	8
Snout to blowhole	10.5
Snout to the centre of the eye	15
Snout to fluke notch	130
Snout to anterior insertion of the flipper	29
Snout to the centre of genital aperture	60
Snout to the centre of the anus	79
Fluke width	29
Girth: axillary	18
Girth: maximum	27
Girth: at the level of anus	18